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## Introduction

There are many countries in the world and each country is characterised by its own culture. By learning about cultures, we gain the knowledge about countries needed to communicate with people from different parts of the world. Not knowing a foreign culture can put us in an uncomfortable situation, so it is a good idea to have a basic understanding of a culture other than the one we grew up in.

It is important to teach learners about culture in English lessons and to have cultural awareness as part of the curriculum. In conjunction with it, the next thing which should be taken into consideration is that there are various textbooks for teaching the English language where the cultural content is presented.

The aim of this thesis is to find out how culture is taught, if it is important to teach culture, if it has a beneficial impact on learners and what is their cultural awareness.

This thesis is divided into two parts, a theoretical and a practical one. The theoretical part will consist of two main chapters. In the first chapter will be presented basic terms, such as a definition of culture or cultural awareness and cultural identity, as other terms in connection with culture. The second chapter will focus on how the topic of culture should be included in the curriculum based on how it is stated in documents such as the school and the framework curriculum.

In the practical part will be the presentation of data collected via questionnaires. There will be created two types of questionnaires. One for learners, to demonstrate their knowledge. The questionnaire will include questions such as whether they like learning about culture, what culture represents according to them, which culture they like or what are examples of British or American culture. And one for teachers, to express their opinions on teaching culture. The questionnaire will include questions such as whether they like teaching learners about culture, whether they consider it important, how often they have culture lessons, what textbooks they use, and whether they are satisfied with the presentation of the topic in them. The research will be done in two schools, in those where I had my teaching practice. After the presentation of results from responders, there will be made a comparison between grades and schools. As the last, there will be an analysis and evaluation of the textbooks which teachers use at school and that I used during my teaching practice as well. The analysis and evaluation will be done based
on the theoretical part. There will be a focus on how the cultural content is presented in those textbooks.

The whole thesis will provide an overview of the topic along with an evaluation.

## Theoretical Part

## 1. Basic terms

### 1.1 Culture

The term 'culture' represents everything related to customs, institutions, achievements of a country and group or community. Culture also refers to the terms like art, music, and literature of a country or ethnic group. Moreover, this term can also include people's everyday culture, differences between men's and women's lives, what is learned at school, social customs, free time, food and many more. (Gill and Čaňková 2002)

### 1.2 Language

The origin of the English language dates back to 4000 BC to the border between Europe and Asia. This language has evolved very rapidly over the course of 6000 years and its evolution continues. It is now a widely used means of communication in many parts of the world. In America and Australia, it has become a native language thanks to immigrants. Although the English language is based on the Germanic language, it should be mentioned that it has also been influenced by other languages such as Latin, French, Norwegian and Greek. It can be said that, due to its constant growth, it already reflects essentially all the languages of the world.

The term English is derived from the word Anglisc, which carries the name of one of the three Germanic tribes. The tribe that invaded England in the fifth century. This language became the main language of several countries, including Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Great Britain and many of its former colonies, and the United States. At the same time is also the official language of several African countries as well, such as Liberia, Nigeria and South Africa. English is recognized as an official language in around 70 different countries.

Language as such serves as a means of communication. By presenting English as a foreign language, it becomes a common language for communication between people of different nationalities. There are currently about 6,000 languages in the world, and only ten of them are spoken by half of the world's population. English is one of the most important languages and thus dominates the top 10 languages in the world.

American pop culture, music, films, commercials and television shows have also contributed to the spread of the English language around the world. British colonialism was equally instrumental in spreading English around the world.
(Crystal 2002, Crystal 2003, Story and Childs 1997)

### 1.3 Language and Culture

Gill and Čaňková believe that "Culture is a vital part of language learning and that language and culture are interlinked in many important ways."

Kramsch (1998) states that "Language is closely related to the way we think, and to the way we behave and influence the behaviour of others."

Each country has its own culture. It represents, for example, differences in the field of cultural traditions or the way of life of people in other countries. By learning a foreign language, you actually accept the language culture of the country. (RVP ZV)

### 1.4 Nature and Culture

Kramsch (1998) in her publication mentions a certain contrast between culture and nature. The term 'culture' comes from the Latin colere (to cultivate) and represents something that has been grown, processed or developed. Whereas the term 'nature', from the Latin nascere (to be born), indicates what is born or is ecologically grown. Basically, what is natural. An interesting thought which is also presented in this book is that: Are human beings mainly what nature determines them to be from birth or what culture enables them to become through socialization and schooling?

### 1.5 Cultural identity

Between the language spoken by members of a social group and that group's identity exist a natural connection. Members of the discourse community can be identified by discourse patterns accent and vocabulary. Group membership can be also defined according to common cultural practices and daily interactions. Group identity can be defined based on race which
may seem as one of the easiest ways, although there are genetic differences between members of the same race. National identity is connected with the fact of being or not a citizen.

There exists a belief about the equation between one language and one culture. However, there is the case of the individual who assumes several collective identities. In reference to the immigrant's self-concept, which in the country of origin was linked to his or her social class, political views or economic status, in a new country is overwhelmingly associated with national citizenship or religion, because that is the identity that is imposed upon him.
(Kramsch 1998)

### 1.6 Cultural awareness

This term describes a sensitivity within the impact of culturally-induced behaviour on language use and communication. In terms of cross-cultural awareness, this awareness is about British and American culture, under which fall life, institutions, beliefs, values, as well as everyday attitudes and feelings, but also features such as dress, gesture, facial expression, stance, and movement (Tomalin and Stempleski 1993).

In the context of cognition, it is also about recognizing cultural images and symbols, working with cultural products, examining patterns of everyday life, examining cultural behaviour, examining patterns of communication, exploring values and attitudes, and exploring and extending cultural experiences (Tomalin and Stempleski 1993).

### 1.7 Native speaker

The native speaker represents an abstraction of monolingualism and monoculturalism, thus it is someone who speaks its native tongue within one national culture. Kramsch (1998) states that "It is not clear whether one is a native speaker by birth, or by education, or by virtue of being recognized and accepted as a member of a like-minded cultural group."

Native speakers are considered to be a natural institution of grammatical accuracy and that they have a sense of proper language use (Kramsch 1998).

## 2. Teaching culture

It is thought that teaching culture in a foreign language has a limitation on the transmission of information about the people of the target country, and about their general attitudes and world views. Moreover, there is an ignored fact is that a large part of what is being called 'culture is considered to be the product of perceptions. Nevertheless, there has been a general rethinking of the role of language as social practice and there was a suggestion of new ways of looking at the teaching of language and culture. There is a link between linguistic forms and social structure which had to be established. Learning about a foreign culture requires that this culture is connected to one's own culture (Kramsch, 1993). As a result of the development of linguistics as a separate discipline, the distinction between language teaching and the teaching of literary culture has been deepened. The acquisition of language included the acquisition of skills and automatic verbal behaviour, without cultural value. Consequently, access to national literature with unique cultural value was then provided. Not only was the teaching of literature separated from the teaching of language, but also the teaching of culture, from a national perspective. The study of the land was created as a separate category. In the textbooks, English culture was included in cultural capsules, cultural notes, glossy photographs, and a series of authentic texts. The impression is given that language is seen as an intermediary for the transmission of literary or cultural knowledge. Culture is considered to be the fifth skill after speaking, listening, reading and writing. (The British Council, 1999)

Culture can be explored by literature, however, J.M. Valdes (1986) states that thanks to the advent of the audio-lingual method teaching culture through literature might be considered as a cliché. Due to ignoring television, radio, speech, song, and everyday narratives, English departments were limited to a narrow range of literary materials (The British Council, 1999).
J. M. Valdes (1986) presents some of the techniques for teaching cultural awareness such as Projected media (films), The culture island (posters, pictures), Newspapers (sports pages, weather reports), Drama (short scenes) and some more.

Using a video in teaching cross-cultural awareness enables to learners get familiar with situations far beyond their classroom. In a video can be shown for example typical British 'body language', or how Americans speak to waiters, what kind of food people eat in other countries or what they wear (Harmer, 2009).

The appendices contain literary resources for teaching culture in the classroom.

### 2.1 The Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

"The Common European Framework provides a common basis for the elaboration of language syllabuses, curriculum guidelines, examinations, textbooks, etc. across Europe. It describes in a comprehensive way what language learners have to learn to do in order to use a language for communication and what knowledge and skills they have to develop so as to be able to act effectively. The description also covers the cultural context in which language is set. In an intercultural approach, it is a central objective of language education to promote the favourable development of the learner's whole personality and sense of identity in response to the enriching experience of otherness in language and culture."

## Language use and the language learner's competences

Language and cultural competencies are adapted to second language ability and contribute to intercultural awareness, skills and knowledge. They enable individuals to develop to enrich themselves with a more complex personality and enhance their linguistic development and be more open to new cultural experiences. Knowledge of the society and culture of the communities where the language is spoken is one aspect of understanding the world. However, it is very important to the language learner and deserves special attention, especially since, unlike many other aspects of knowledge, it may fall outside the realm of language skills and may be biased by preconceptions. Characteristic elements of European society and its culture may include, for example: Everyday living, Living conditions, Impresonal relations,Values, Beliefs and Attitudes, Body language, Social conventions, and Ritual behaviour.
(Council of Europe, 2001)

### 2.2. Curriculum documents

In accordance with the principles of the curriculum policy developed in the National Programme for the Development of Education in the Czech Republic (hereinafter referred to as the White Paper) and enshrined in Act No. 561/200 Coll., on early childhood education, primary, secondary, vocational education and other higher education (the Education Act), as amended, it introduces a new system of programme documentation for school education from 3 to 19 years of age in the education system. School documents are produced at two levels state and school (see Figure 1). The state-level in the curriculum documentation system is represented by the National Education Programme and the Framework Programmes of

Education (hereinafter referred to as the FPE). The National Curriculum defines primary education as a whole. The curriculum defines the limiting frameworks of education for its different levels - pre-primary, primary and lower secondary education. The school-level represents School Education Programmes (hereinafter referred to as SEPs), with education being provided in individual schools. The National Curriculum, the Framework Programme of Education and the School Curriculum are public documents accessible to the teaching and nonteaching public.
(Framework Education Programme For Primary Education, 2017)

### 2.2.1 White Paper

"The document shapes the government's strategy in the field of education in the form of thought bases, general objectives and development programmes guiding the development of the education system. The strategy reflects society-wide interests and gives concrete incentives for the work of schools. At the same time, it is an open material which should be critically examined at regular intervals and revised and renewed in accordance with changes in the social situation. "l

## Primary Education

Primary education is a compulsory stage of education that forms the basis for lifelong learning for the whole population. It is therefore important to know what educational opportunities it provides, what kind of learning environment it creates, how it influences the development of each learner's personality, how it prepares them for life and cooperation with others, how it equips them for personal and professional life, and how it adapts them to today's dynamic world. Compulsory schooling is the primary period during which children of all abilities and backgrounds experience schooling in socially heterogeneous groups such as their peers. Essential interaction and irreplaceable social capital are built as a prerequisite for achieving future consensus on social, political and labour issues. Primary education is divided into levels 1 and 2. Each of these pedagogical levels has specific pedagogical objectives, different methods and forms of work, as well as problems to solve and decisions to make, which is why these documents also devote separate sections.

[^0]The aim of basic education at level 2 is primarily to give students the best possible foundation for general education. This means equipping them with a clear relationship to basic human values, common knowledge and practical skills that will enable them to pursue further specialised and specialised education, while developing a variety of recreational activities and not discouraging or restricting anyone from exploring new areas of knowledge and human activities. There is an emphasis on motivation to learn, mastering basic learning strategies, developing own abilities and interests, creative skills and creative problem solving, acquiring the ability to communicate effectively, cooperation and respect for the work of others, the ability to express themselves through a free, tolerant and thoughtful personality, a sensitive and perceptive relationship with people and nature, but also on the basis of knowledge and ability to actively influence situations in the right direction, on a responsible relationship with oneself and one's health, a realistic estimation of one's own ability.
(White Paper, 2001)

### 2.2.2 Framework Education Programme For Primary Education (RVPZV)

"The Framework Educational Programmes (FEPs) constitute a generally binding framework for the development of school educational programmes for all branches of education in pre-school, primary, primary art, language and secondary education. They were introduced into education in the Czech Republic by Act No. 561/2004 Coll., on pre-school, primary, secondary, higher vocational and other education (Education Act)." ${ }^{2}$

## Educational framework programmes

They are centrally processed pedagogical documents that are approved and issued by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports. For each subject in secondary (and primary) education, a so-called Framework Education Programme (FEP) is developed. They are based on an educational strategy, focusing on core competencies, referring to educational content, and applying knowledge and skills in practical life. Sets out the core competencies to be achieved at the end of primary education. They are based on the concept of common and lifelong learning. They determine the generally binding educational requirements that are valid for all

[^1]schools, grades and fields of education. Furthermore, on the basis of the Framework Education Programme, the educational content, expected results and curriculum are defined. They set the expected level of learning for all graduates of the individual learning stages. They define the areas of teaching, e.g. languages, science, economics, vocational education (from these areas the school creates a set of subjects) and set the minimum number of hours needed to teach them, and etcetera, there are many more principles and tendencies of the Framework Education Programme. ${ }^{3}$

## Language and linguistic communication

Language and linguistic communication play an important role in the educational process. The essential signs of general maturity of a primary education graduate include, in particular, the achievement of a good level of linguistic culture. One of the aims of language teaching is to support the development of communicative competence. On the basis of these competencies, the learner acquires knowledge and skills enabling him/her to correctly perceive different linguistic messages and to understand them. Furthermore, to express themselves appropriately and effectively apply and promote the results of their cognition.

## Foreign Language

Foreign languages contribute to the understanding and discovery of realities outside the sphere of experience mediated by the mother tongue. Further, they provide the basis for a living language and the prerequisites for learners to be able to communicate in an integrated Europe and in the world. Through the acquisition of foreign languages, learners get to know the differences in the way of life of people from other countries and their different cultural traditions. It increases knowledge of the importance of international understanding and tolerance and facilitates cooperation in school on international projects. The requirements for foreign language teaching developed in the Framework Education Programme For Primary Education are based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, which describes different levels of foreign language proficiency. It is assumed that foreign language learning will reach level A2.

## Multicultural education

Through the cross-cutting theme of multicultural education, learners learn about the diversity of different cultures, their traditions and values. Multicultural education is also related

[^2]to interpersonal relations at school, relations between teachers and learners, relations between learners and each other, relations between school and family, and relations between school and local community. Learners from different social and cultural backgrounds come together in the school environment, so the school should provide a climate in which everyone feels equal and where the majority of learners learn about the culture of their classmates (minorities) and vice versa. This contributes to mutual knowledge of both groups, mutual tolerance, and the elimination of hostility and prejudice. It reaches into all educational areas. It is closely linked to educational areas such as Language and Linguistic Communication, Human and Society, Information and Communication Technologies, Art and Culture, Human and Health, and Human and Nature, which mainly concerns the educational field of Geography. The links with these areas are mainly due to the themes dealing with relations between members of different nations and ethnic groups.

To the benefits of the cross-cutting theme of multicultural education belong, for example, that:

- It provides pupils with basic knowledge about the different ethnic and cultural groups living in Czech and European society.
- It teaches learners to communicate and live in a group with members of different sociocultural groups, to exercise their rights and respect the rights of others, to understand and tolerate the different interests, opinions and abilities of others.
- It teaches acceptance of the other as an individual with equal rights, recognising that all ethnic groups and all cultures are equal and none is superior to another.
- It develops the ability to recognise and tolerate the differences of other national, ethnic, religious and social groups and to cooperate with members of different socio-cultural groups.
- It provides knowledge of some basic concepts of multicultural terminology: culture, ethnicity, identity, discrimination, xenophobia, racism, nationality, intolerance, etc.
- It helps pupils to become aware of their own identity, to be themselves, to reflect on their own socio-cultural background.
- It teaches pupils to perceive themselves as citizens who actively participate in shaping society's relationship with minority groups.

The thematic areas of multicultural education are based on the current situation in the school, reflecting current school events, and the current situation in society. By mutual agreement of the teachers, then the agreement of the teachers and learners, teachers and learners' legal representatives, etc., the selection and implementation of a given thematic area or topic
may be significantly influenced. Thematic areas include - Cultural differences, Human relations, Ethnicity, Multiculturalism, and The principle of social reconciliation and solidarity. (Framework Education Programme For Primary Education, 2017)

### 2.2.3. School Education Programme (ŠVP)

"The school curriculum is a school document that is based on the aims of education, which are enshrined in the National Education Programme and the Framework Education Programmes (hereinafter referred to as the FEP). The school level is represented by school curricula, according to which education is carried out in individual schools. Each school develops its own curriculum according to the principles set out in the relevant Framework Education Programme, in accordance with Act No 561/2004 Coll., on pre-school, primary, secondary, higher vocational and other education. ${ }^{4}$ The school principal approves the curriculum and is responsible for compliance with the relevant RVP, the Czech School Inspectorate checks the implementation of the programme. The name of the curriculum is determined by the school. " ${ }^{4}$

## Primary school Uherský Ostroh

The school curriculum is called "School for Everyone." This school is a general school with no special focus. On the basis of the school's conditions, learners are offered noncompulsory subjects, interest groups and school clubs.

Some of the main goals of the educational programme are:

- To create in pupils the need to show positive feelings in their behaviour, actions and experience of life situations, sensitivity and sensitive relations to people, their environment and nature (children are learned to protect the environment and cultural and social values and to empathise with the situations of others).
- To lead the pupils to tolerance and consideration for other people, their cultures and spiritual values, teaching them to live together with other people (children are learned

[^3]to appreciate cultural and historical heritage an to be sensitive to the traditions and cultural values of others).

## Incorporation of cross-cutting themes

Topics across the curriculum provide opportunities for students to apply and interact with each other and contribute to their personal development, particularly in the areas of attitudes and values. Cross-cutting themes are integrated into the subjects taught.

## Foreign language teaching

Learners of this school start to learn the first foreign language from the third grade. If there are more learners, they are divided into groups. The teaching of a foreign language creates the conditions for learners' future involvement in communication between peoples, both within Europe and the world. Learners are also prepared for the practical use of language and for discovering and understanding facts, outside the realm of mother tongue-mediated experiences. The teaching uses recordings on CDs, DVDs, computer programs such as nursery rhymes, poems, songs, etc. texts interpreted by native speakers.

Civic competencies are linked to this teaching and their aims are:

- To teach learners to respect the views and customs of others (classmates, teachers, national and ethnic groups)
- To let learners present their own ideas and opinions in a cultured manner
- To hold learners responsible for their actions

Foreign language lessons are supplemented in ninth grade by conversation lessons as an elective subject. Learners are provided with a basis for communication and learning about the life and cultural traditions and customs of other English-speaking countries. This teaching also helps learners to understand professional and foreign expressions in the Czech language. The organizational forms used in these lessons include explanations, listening, reading comprehension and reproduction of texts, interviews, computer-based tutorials and projects.

Additional information, such as time allocations, is recorded in the table included in the appendixes.
(School curriculum of the Primary School in Uherský Ostroh, 2021)

## Primary school Unesco Uherské Hradiště

Characteristics and focus of the curriculum - "School - a place where I like to be." This school is a place where learners are motivated and encouraged to be active learners. And not just encyclopedic knowledge, but important learning, problem-solving and social skills. In this school, they focus on developing the skills they need to live in 21st century Europe. The positive development of each learner's personality is underpinned by all school and extra-curricular work. These, among other things, further motivate learners to learn, to gain confidence and to promote their talents and gifts.

## Foreign language teaching

According to the school curriculum, learners at this school have the opportunity to start learning their first foreign language (priority is given to the English language) as early as the first year of first grade. From sixth grade, learners have the opportunity to choose a language or science focus depending on their interests. In the study of a second foreign language, learners can choose from languages such as English, French, German, Russian or Spanish. Foreign language lessons are supplemented by conversation lessons.

Learners are able to attend above-standard preparatory language courses, where they prepare to take and pass language exams:

## - Cambridge Young Learners English Tests

- Diplomas de español (DELE)
- Österreichisches Sprachdiplom (ÖSD)
- Diplôme d'études en langue française (DELF)
- The Test of Russian as a Foreign Language (TORFL/TRKI)

The school organizes annual trips abroad, aimed at learning about foreign countries and improving their language skills. The most frequent trips are to Great Britain, France, Switzerland, Italy, Monaco, Germany and Austria.

The school also participates in international projects and programmes such as Erasmus, giving pupils the opportunity to travel to partner schools across Europe. ${ }^{5}$

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## Practical Part

The practical part will be done through quantitative research. This type of research is used for the collection of quantitative data. This method is based on a questionnaire survey, from which the data and responses are subsequently processed and statistically evaluated. For effective data collection, I used both online surveys and paper surveys.

## 3. Research

There were created questionnaires for data collection (see Appendix). The questionnaire for learners consists of twenty-two questions, and only one of them is a multiple-choice question. However, respondents had an opportunity to express their opinions on this question as well by choosing an option of open-ended answer. The rest of the questions are open-ended. Among responders, there are 273 learners. From the lower-secondary school in Uh.Hradiště 152 of learners and from the lower-secondary school in Uh. Ostroh 121 of learners. The questionnaire for teachers consists of twenty-seven questions. All the questions are open-ended in order to enable teachers to express their opinions. Among responders, there are five teachers, one from the school in Uh. Ostroh and four from the school in Uh.Hradiště. Some questionnaires were completed in my presence (during my teaching practice), some were completed in the presence of a teacher and some were completed in the form of an online questionnaire.

The course of the research was slightly complicated by the persistence of the pandemic situation, there could have been more responses from both learners and teachers.

The results of the research will be presented in the following part. The answers of the responders will be supplemented with tables and graphs, to give a better overview of the findings.

## The aims of the research are:

- To find out what learners know about British and American culture.
- To find out which culture learners prefer.
- To find out whether learners from a language primary school are better off knowledgewise than learners from a non-language primary school.
- To find out whether teachers agree with teaching culture if they find it an important/useful part of the curriculum.
- To find out how satisfied teachers are with the presentation of the culture topic.
- To find out what topics in the field of culture teachers consider as the most important ones.
- To find out what techniques, strategies, materials, and activities teachers use to present this topic.


## Hypotheses:

- Learners will have sufficient knowledge of both British and American culture.
- Learners will show a preference for British culture over American culture.
- Learners from a language lower-secondary school will have a better cultural awareness than learners from a non-language lower-secondary school.
- It can be assumed that ninth-grade learners will have the greatest cultural awareness.
- Based on textbooks and from teachers' perspectives, the most represented culture is the British one.


### 3.1 Evaluation of the questionnaires for learners

Learners got the questionnaire, where they should have responded to 22 questions. Most of the questions have open responses. There is only one question, where learners have a choice of options.

The results from the lower-secondary school in Uherský Ostroh will be evaluated first. Grades from six to nine were tested and each grade is divided into A and B classes.

Starting with the sixth grade. Altogether, there are 29 learners and among them are eighteen girls and eleven boys. The average age of the learners is twelve years old.

English is a favourite subject for most learners. Four of them responded that they like it half and half. The rest of them answered that they do not know or rather no. Next, the most common answer to the question of how many English-speaking countries are there was around 67 countries. Then, their task was to present some of the countries they know. Most of the responders mentioned the United Kingdom, the United States, then Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the country of India. Out of the total, only two learners have already visited an English-speaking country, namely the UK. During the visit, they noticed Buckingham Palace as a sample of cultural example. Most of the learners have not had an opportunity to speak with a native speaker yet. By one of the answers was stated a stewardess as an example of a native speaker.

One of the questions from the questionnaire focuses on what does come to the learner's mind if we say 'culture'. Most of them answered nothing or that they do not know, some of them wrote down for example foreign language, sights, feasts or theatre, cinema and museum. Overall, learners of the sixth grade like learning about the culture of foreign countries.

Information from questions about British and American culture was one of the most important for the research, to get to know what the learners know about these cultures. Learners presented examples of the British culture such as Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, English and English-speaking country, the Royal family, and the fact that it is a big country. As examples of the American culture, learners presented the USA, the White House, Simpsons, Hollywood, Las Vegas and hamburgers. Another question was if any of their classmates comes from a foreign country. In class 6.A, there was only one case with no answer and the rest of them wrote that no one. In class 6.B, most of the responders stated yes. Nevertheless, nobody knows anything about his or her culture. From the foreign cultures, learners of the sixth grade like the

American culture most. Among examples of other cultures were Korean, German, Russian and Austrian.

Then, there was researched the learner's knowledge from the field of media. The task was to present some of the examples of films or series that they know. There were mentioned examples such as Spiderman, Harry Potter, movies of the DC comics or Marvel movies (Avengers), Simpsons, Home Alone, Friends, Stranger Things, Fast and Furious and some others. In the following question, learners should present examples of music performers. Some of the responders stated that they do not know and the rest of them mentioned for example Billie Eilish, Justin Bieber, Eminem and the band Coldplay. The next question was about actors and actresses. Learners wrote down the representative of the Harry Potter, Daniel Radcliff. Then there were Johnny Depp and Emma Watson and Millie Bobby Brown. Three responses mentioned J.K. Rowling, Oscar Wilde and Tom Hutchinson as an example of writers from an English-speaking country. As an example of some other celebrities, learners presented the Queen Elisabeth II., then there was the ex-president of the United States, Donald Trump. There were given some hints in the brackets to help learners with an answer.

The next in the row is the seventh grade. There are 31 learners in this grade. Fourteen of them are girls and seventeen of them are boys. The average age of the learners is twelve years old.

As in the previous class, English is a favourite subject for most of the learners. Six of them do not like it and there were also three answers from learners that they like it half and half. From the next question was found out how many English- speaking countries according to the learners are there. There were answers in numbers like four, five, eight and also in words like a lot or almost all. The learners were also capable to name some examples of them. The United Kingdom, The USA, Canada, New Zeeland, Australia and Scotland. Moreover, out of the total, only two learners have already been to an English-speaking country, specifically in the UK, as was the case with the previous class. The following question was if any of them have noticed any of the cultural examples. Anyone from those who have been there did not state any example. In this grade, nine learners had the opportunity to speak with a native speaker. Among answers, there was also an answer that he or she did not know who the native speaker is.

The next part of the questionnaire contains questions that are aimed at identifying the cultural awareness of the learners. Under the term culture, learners gave examples such as sights, history, traditions, customs, art, culture, paintings, theatre and more. Most of the learners
of this grade like to learn about the culture of other countries. Then, the learners were supposed to present some examples of things connected with the UK and the USA. Most mentioned was the Queen, then the capital city London, Big Ben and tea. By the USA learners mostly mentioned President Joe Biden, then New York, the White House, the American flag, NASA and the United States. To the question, if any of their classmates come from a foreign country most of them answered no. When there is no one in this grade who would come from a foreign country, the following question can be considered to be irrelevant. Learners even though answered that no. Likewise in the sixth grade, there are also lovers of the American culture. Those who chose the example of the other culture, they wrote down Russian, Japanese and German cultures.

As mentioned before, the last five questions from the questionnaire focus on the field of media. Here, learners presented some examples of films or series. Among the examples were for example Friends, Simpsons, Harry Potter, Fast and Furious, What if, Stranger Things, It, Riverdale, The Witcher, South Park and many others. From the music performers, learners know for example Billie Eilish, Ariana Grande, Melanie Martinez, Sia, Michael Jackson, Juice Wrld, Rick Astley, Ed Sheeran, Justin Bieber, Francis Scott and others. In the following question, learners should have presented examples of actors and actresses. Learners mentioned Tom Cruise, Tom Holland, Johnny Depp, Paul Walker, Leonardo DiCaprio, Millie Bobby Brown, Emma Watson, Rowan Atkinson and further. As an example of a writer coming from an English-speaking country, learners stated J.K. Rowling, Jeff Kinney and Erin Hunter. The questionnaire was supplemented by the question what other famous people learners know. One of the main answers was President Joe Biden, then also the ex-president Donald Trump, Queen Elisabeth II., Bill Gates and Elon Musk.

Moving on to the eighth grade. There are 28 learners overall and ten learners are represented by girls and eighteen learners represent boys. The average age of the learners is thirteen years old.

English is a favourite subject for most of the learners. Learners of this grade state that there are a lot of English-speaking countries or that English is used almost everywhere. Among their answer were also numbers such as three, five or fifteen and more. From the examples of English-speaking countries, learners stated the United Kingdom, the USA, Canada, Australia, New Zeeland and Ireland. From the whole grade, only two of the learners have already visited an English-speaking country, the UK and Canada. During their visit they have spotted cultural examples such as the Buckingham Palace, people driving here on the left side, steering wheels
in cars on the other side and Halloween. Only a few of the learners have had the opportunity to speak with a native speaker.

The following questions find out what the learners know about mainly British and American culture but also about culture overall. Under the term, the United Kingdom learners stated for example the Queen, history, castles, theatres, churches, traditions, customs, fashion and furthermore. Most of the learners like to learn about other cultures. Then, learners again presented examples from both of these cultures. Under the term, the United States learners stated for example the ex-president Donald Trump, Joe Biden, The Statue of Liberty, The White House, the Twin Towers, the American flag and hamburgers. There is no one among the learners who comes from a foreign country. In this case, the following question from the questionnaire is irrelevant.

Learners of this grade like the American culture more than others. Examples from the option of a different culture, learners stated cultures such as Chinese, Spanish, Egyptian, Russian and Peruvian.

The last part of the questionnaire focuses on the field of media. From the film and series examples, among responses were mentioned Simpsons, Stranger Things, Harry Potter, James Bond, Avengers, Deadpool, Riverdale, Friends and many more. Then the learners should have presented some of the music performers. There were answers such as Adele, Ariana Grande, Tavis Scott, Eminem, Harry Styles, Bryan Adams and so on. The learners should have also written down representatives of the actors and actresses. They mentioned for example Leonardo Dicaprio, Brad Pitt, Tom Holland, Millie Bobby Brown, Emma Watson, Chris Evans and some others. From the examples of any of the writers from the English-speaking countries, was J.K. Rowling mentioned the most. The second example was Jacqueline Wilson. The last question of the questionnaire was giving the learners a space to write any other personalities that they know. They presented personalities such as Joe Biden, Donald Trump, Barack Obama, The Queen Elisabeth II., Michael Jordan, Lebron James, and furthermore.

Lastly graded answers from this school are from the ninth grade. There are 33 learners and seventeen of them are girls and sixteen from them are boys. The average age of these learners is fourteen years old.

For most of the learners is English a favourite subject. By the next question, almost all answered the same. The great majority think that there are 67 English-speaking countries. As follows, they were supposed to list some of them. Among the examples, there were countries
such as the United Kingdom, the USA, Canada, Australia, New Zeeland, Ireland, the Republic of South Africa and many more. There is only one learner from this grade who has ever been to an English-speaking country and specifically visited Wales. On the occasion of the visit were noticed some of the cultural examples such as dance or food. At least eleven of the learners had the opportunity to speak with a native speaker.

In the following section, the questions were explicitly focused on culture. First of all, the learners wrote down what do they imagine under the term culture. There were responses such as sights, history, traditions, customs, theatre and some other things. Most of the learners like to learn about different cultures. Moreover, the learners had a task to list some examples in connection with the UK and the USA. By the UK, there were examples like London, tea, the Queen, Buckingham Palace, English, London Eye, Big Ben, Tower Bridge and further. Examples connected to the USA were for example 50 states, The Statue of Liberty, New York, Hollywood, the White House, Washington D.C. and many more. Next in this section, there was also the question aimed to find out if there is anyone of a different culture. Most of the responders answered yes but only a few of them know something about the learner's culture. Furthermore, American culture wins in popularity in this grade as well. Among examples of some other cultures were mentioned cultures such as Japanese, German and Slovakian.

The last section of the questionnaire focuses on the field of the media world. First of all, in this section, learners were supposed to present some examples of films or series from English-speaking countries. The learners mentioned Stranger Things, Riverdale, Simpsons, Pirates of the Caribbean, Harry Potter, Sex Education, Friends and other examples. In the next questions, learners should have listed some examples of the music performers. There were Harry Styles, Eminem, Lady Gaga, Billie Eilish, Selena Gomez and some more written down. Then, the learners presented some of the representatives of actors and actresses. Among the examples were Emma Watson, Tom Holland, Jennifer Aniston, Johnny Depp, Angelina Jolie, Brad Pitt and many more mentioned. In the penultimate question, learners should have mentioned some of the writers. There were written down names such as J.K. Rowling, Jeff Kinney, Kiera Cass, Charles Dickens, Rachel Renné Russel and Anna Todd. Lastly, learners should have given some other examples of people that they know. Among answers were names such as Crosby, Usain Bolt, Messi, The Queen Elisabeth II., Donald Trump, Joe Biden and many more.

Secondly, the results from the lower-secondary school in Uherské Hradiště will be evaluated. As well as by the previous one, grades from six to nine were tested and each grade is divided into $A$ and $B$ classes.

Starting with the sixth grade. Altogether, there are 53 learners and among them are 32 girls and 21 boys. The average age of the learners is twelve years old.

In this grade, learners consider English as a favourite subject half-and-half. According to the learners, there are 43 English-speaking countries in average. Learners stated a lot of different numbers. Most often answers in numbers were $3,4,5,6,18,20,30$ and in words 'a lot'. Among examples of English-speaking countries, learners stated mostly the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada, Australia, India and Africa. From 53 learners have nine learners already visited some English-speaking country. They were in the UK, the USA and in Africa. Some of them had experienced with some of the cultural examples, such as Big Ben, architecture, fashion, food and music. Only two learners have had the opportunity to speak with a native speaker.

Moving on to questions that focus more on the topic of culture. Learners understand under the term culture mostly sights, food, fashion, traditions, custom, museum, architecture and some others. Moreover, most of the learners of this grade like to learn about culture. Speaking about the UK, most of the learners stated in connection with this country the Queen, London, Big Ben, Double-Decker Buses, black tea with milk, Great Britain, a state, Brexit and others. When it comes to the USA, among learners' responses there were for example Joe Biden, Donald Trump, the USA, famous people, hamburgers, shops, Halloween and many more. Then, learners were asked, if there is any from their classmates of a different culture. Almost all of the learners answered yes. There were only two negative responses from the class 6B. From 53 learners, 44 learners know something about the culture of the foreign classmate. Furthermore, among learners, the American culture is the favourite one. Nevertheless, most of the learners stated that they like some different culture besides the options but did to state an example of which one.

Lastly, the media section provides examples of films and series, music artists, actors and actresses, writers and some other famous people. From films and series, learners know for example Simpsons, Harry Potter, James Bond, Friends, Stranger Things, Home Alone, Fast and Furious and more. From music artists, learners stated Lady Gaga, Billie Eilish, Ariana Grande, Travis Scott, One Direction and many more. Among examples of actors and actresses, there
were Emma Watson, Millie Bobby Brown, Johnny Depp, Dwayne Johnson, Tom Holland and some others. The most stated example of a writer was J. K. Rowling. Among examples of some other well-known people, learners responded mostly Donald Trump, Joe Biden The Queen Elisabeth II., and there were some other examples.

The next grade in the row is the seventh. In this grade, there are 41 learners. From this number, 23 learners are girls, and 18 learners are boys. The average age of this grade is twelve years old.

English is a favourite subject for most of them but there are also some of them who do not like it. According to learners, there are a lot of English-speaking countries. Among the responses were answers such as $5,6,7,30$ and some other numbers. As examples of Englishspeaking countries the learners stated mostly the United Kingdom, the United States, Australia, Canada, Ireland, Scotland and New Zeeland. Five of the learners have been to some of the English- speaking countries. Those visited the UK, the USA and Canada. None of them stated any example of some cultural example in the following question. Almost all of the learners have spoken with a native speaker, there was only one answer staging no.

The minority of the learners like to learn about different cultures. For the learners from this grade, culture represents for example food, customs, traditions, sights, history, people and more. When it comes to two main English-speaking countries, in the connection with the UK learners stated London, the Royal Family, the Queen, tea, rain, cold, English and some others. In the connection with the USA, learners stated for example celebrities, doughnuts, (fast) food, Donald Trump, the White House, the American flag, the Statue of Liberty and some others. The number of 29 learners think that they have a classmate from a foreign country, the rest of them do not think so. In the following question, from 43 learners, 36 stated that they know something from the learner's foreign culture. By the question of a favourite foreign culture is a draw. Fifteen votes for the British one as well as for the American one. The rest of the responders stated they do not like any or they like some different, but then did not state which one.

Later on, learners were supposed to give some of the example's of films and series. Among the responses, there were Harry Potter, Friends, Simpsons, Stranger Things, Pirates of the Caribbean and some other examples. In the following question, from music artists learners presented Billie Eilish, Ariana Grande, Imagine Dragons, Ed Sheeran, Justin Bieber, Michael Jackson and many more. As the examples of the actors and actresses, responders stated Johnny Depp, Jennifer Aniston, Milli Bobby Brown, Tom Holland, Tom Hanks, Tom Hardy, and some
more. From the examples of writers, mostly stated was J.K. Rowling, then there were mentioned Stephen King or David Williams. Among examples of the other well-known people, there were names presented such as Joe Biden, Donald Trump, Barack Obama, the Queen Elisabeth II., Abraham Lincoln, Michael Jordan and more.

Moving on to the eighth grade. There are 43 learners overall and ten learners are represented by 19 girls and 23 learners represent boys. One of the responders did not want to mention it. The average age of the learners is thirteen years old.

By the question, if English is their favourite subject, 22 learners answered yes, 19 learners stated no and two of them said that it depends. According to learners from his grade, there are around 4, 5, 15, 20, 30 of English- speaking countries. Four of the responses stated that there is a lot of them. Among examples of some of them, learners mostly mentioned the United Kingdom, the USA, Canada, Australia, New Zeeland and Ireland. Ten learners have visited an English-speaking country and all of them have been to the UK. In the following question, they presented some of the cultural examples they observed during their visit. Examples such as sights, religion, specific houses, different currency, dance, tea with milk and wearing shoes at home. From this grade, 40 learners have had the opportunity to speak with a native speaker.

For learners of the eighth grade, culture represents for example art, food, language, literature, customs and sights. Most learners like to learn about culture. In the next questions, in connection with the UK, learners stated examples such as Double-Decker Buses, Tea, English, London, the Queen, the Royal family and some others. By the USA they stated for example the Statue of Liberty, the American flag, Joe Biden, Donald Trump, Barack Obama, obesity and some more. From 43 learners, 29 think that they have a classmate from a foreign country. The rest of them do not think so or do not know. There are five learners that know something about that classmate's culture. Leaners of this grade like the American culture the most. Five of the learners responded, that they like other cultures as a stated option, but they did not specify which one. Three of them do not like any.

The last section of questions concentrates on media. From examples of films and series, learners stated Summer Camp, Stranger Things, Harry Potter, The Big Bang Theory, After, Spiderman, Riverdale, Friends and many more. Among music artists' responses, there were names such as Adele, Justin Bieber, Billie Eilish, Ed Sheeran, Lady Gaga, Harry Styles and some others. As examples of actors and actresses, learners presented Johnny Depp, Jennifer Aniston, Tom Hanks, Leonardo DiCaprio, Tom Holland, Emma Watson and many more. For
examples of writers, learners mostly responded J. K. Rowling, then David Williams, Charles Dickens, William Shakespeare or George Orwell. By the last question, learners presented other well-known people such as Queen Elisabeth II., Michael Jordan, Donald Trump, Barack Obama or Boris Johnson.

The last evaluated grade of this school is the ninth. Overall, this grade has 38 learners and from this number, there are 18 girls and 17 boys. One of the learners is not sure about their gender and there are two learners that are nonbinary. The average age of learners is fourteen years old.

English is a favourite subject for the majority of the learners of this grade. In the following question, learners stated numbers of English-speaking countries such as 4, 6, 7, 10, 70 or a general answer 'a lot'. As follows, they were supposed to list some of them. Among the examples, there were countries such as the United Kingdom, the USA, Canada, Australia, New Zeeland, Ireland, the Republic of South Africa and some more. From the number of 38 learners, eleven learners have ever been to an English-speaking country and specifically visited the UK, the USA and Canada. On the occasion of the visit were noticed some of the cultural examples such as Big Ben, Double-Decker Buses, Red Telephone Boxes, sights, food, cities, colour of skin or Houses of Bricks. All of them had the opportunity to speak with a native speaker.

In the following section, where questions were explicitly focused on culture. Firstly, learners wrote down what they imagine under the term 'culture'. There were responses such as sights, history, traditions, customs, fashion, food and some other things. Most of the learners like to learn about different cultures. Moreover, the learners had a task to list some examples in connection with the UK and the USA. By the UK, there were examples such as the Queen, the Royal family, Big Ben, Double-Decker Bus, black tea with milk, English breakfast, rain and further. Examples connected to the USA were for example American flag, Donald Trump, Joe Biden, NY, Las Vegas, McDonald's, Hot Dogs and many more. Next in this section, there was the question if there is anyone of a different culture. Some of the responders answered yes and there are some of them that know something about the learner's culture. Furthermore, American culture wins in popularity in this grade as well. Some of the learners stated that they do not like any culture or like some different one but there were no examples of any of them.

From the last section of the field of the media world. First, in this section, learners were supposed to present some examples of films or series from English-speaking countries. The learners mentioned Riverdale, Simpsons, Harry Potter, Friends, The Witcher, The Vampire

Diaries, The Kissing Both and other examples. In the next questions, learners should have listed some examples of the music performers. There were Harry Styles, Justin Bieber, Liam Payne, Katy Perry Selena Gomez, Ariana Grande and some more written down. Then, the learners presented some of the representatives of actors and actresses. Among the examples were Emma Watson, Tom Holland, Leonardo DiCaprio, Brad Pitt, Jennifer Aniston, Meghan Fox and many more mentioned. In the penultimate question, learners should have mentioned some of the writers. There were written down names such as J.K. Rowling, Anna Todd, William Shakespeare, J.R.R. Tolkien, Stephen King and some others. Lastly, learners presented some other examples of people that they know. Among answers were names such as Donald Trump, Joe Biden, the Queen Elisabeth II., Harry Kane, Barack Obama and many more.

In accordance with the evaluation of the questionnaires, for some questions the learners did not give any answer or wrote that they do not know.

All responders' answers from each grade are depicted in the graphs (Appendix).

### 3.2 Evaluation of the questionnaires for teachers

Teachers got the questionnaire, where they should have responded to 28 questions about the topic 'Culture'. All the questions have open responses.

This evaluation presents the responses of five teachers. The questionnaire begins with basic information. These are indicated in the first three questions.

Among responders, there are four teachers from the primary school Unesco in Uh.Hradiště, and there is one teacher from the primary school in Uh.Ostroh. Only one of the five teachers is a man and he is a native speaker. The average age is 49 years old.

Figure I.


Figure II.


Figure III.


Moreover, the fourth question investigates how long each teacher has been teaching the English language. Altogether have been teaching English for fifteen years on average. Individual responses can be seen in the following graph.

Figure IV.


In the next question, teachers were supposed to state which form the English-speaking countries they have visited. They have already been for example in the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada and Malta. From the below examples in a graph, the UK was the most visited one, they all have been there.

Figure V.


The sixth question investigates if teachers are interested in culture. From these teachers, there are three who are interested in culture. However, in the following question, teachers present cultures that they like. Two of them stated that they like the Czech culture. Then, there were other favourite cultures such as the British, American, Spanish and Italian. One of them stated that he or she likes any form of culture that improves his or her knowledge and one another that he or she likes mostly European culture, then the culture of North America and Western culture.

## Figure VI.



Figure VII.


In question number eight, teachers were also asked to state what the term 'culture' means to them. According to them, it represents the way of life, traditions, habits, food, customs and people.

Figure VIII.


Furthermore, the following questions focus more on the school environment rather than personal opinions, information or experience. This section starts with the question if teachers like to teach about culture and three of five answered positively.

## Figure IX.



The following question investigates how often there are culture classes at school. In both schools, there is a culture class at least once a month. One teacher from the Unesco School states that they teach culture in conversation lessons, which are once a week. One of them also adds that there are parts of culture used in a lot of his or her classes.

Figure $X$.


Nevertheless, in question number eleven, teachers were asked if they consider teaching culture as an important part of the curriculum. Two of them responded that they do not. The other three have different points of view. It is important because of the context, that it helps learners understand how language works. Then, it is good to know about important things of each country. And lastly, to understand a language means to have to understand the people who use it, as things differ in different regions within a country.

Figure XI.


According to teachers, presenting culture seems to be beneficial for learners. Most of them stated that it depends, especially on learners, but it is a benefit especially if the teacher is
of a different culture. One of them believes that learners like to know people in other countries and that there are no borders in the youth culture.

Figure XII.


In question number thirteen, teachers were supposed to say their opinion on whether the learners show any interest in culture. Two of the responders answered they do not and the rest of them stated that learners usually or rather sometimes show an interest.

Figure XIII.


The next question was supposed to find out how teachers include the topic of culture in their lessons. Two of the teachers use in their lessons a coursebook where culture pages can be
found. Then, it depends on the topic of each unit and some interesting information is added to it. There was also an answer that it tends to come naturally when questions are asked and that according to plan, there are different topics for every month.

Figure XIV.


The intention of question fifteen was to find out if there is something from the field of culture that teachers put more emphasis on. Two responders stated that they do not put more emphasis on anything particular from the field of culture and one more added to it that very things and people are treated the same. The other two put more emphasis for example on history, family, food, films and famous people.

Figure $X V$.


The aim of question sixteen was to find out what kind of methods teachers use in connection with teaching culture. Most of them use PowerPoint presentations, prepared either on their part or on the part of the learners. Then, look for inspiration on the internet (websites). Some reading and listening exercises are used as well as videos and photos. Sometimes some worksheets are prepared, and games are played. There is also pair or group work, a classroom discussion and experience sharing.

Figure XVI.


In the following question, teachers should have stated some examples of materials that they use during lessons. It is similar to answers to the previous question. Teachers use presentations, worksheets, online materials, websites, video films, YouTube and textbooks.

Figure XVII.


Further, in question number eighteen, teachers were asked if they create any of the material that is used in their lessons. One of the three responders answered that he or she rarely prepares any materials and the rest two of them stated that they do not prepare any. Positive answers were stated by two teachers and one of them sometimes prepares their own worksheets and the other its own presentations, for example on some topics from history.

Figure XVIII.


Next, by question number nineteen, teachers were asked to say what kind of textbook they use. Only one of them states that uses the textbook 'Inside'. Then, two of the teachers use the textbook 'Project' and three of the teachers use the textbook 'Prepare'.

Figure XIX.


Question number twelve surveys which cultures are presented in textbooks that are used by the teachers. According to teachers, the most presented culture in those textbooks is the American one. Then the British culture and the Western-European culture follow. In one of the answers was stated that there are presented international cultures such as Indian, Spanish, Brazilian, Chinese or Caribbean. One of the teachers answered that has not been through all the textbooks yet.

Figure XX.


The following question deals with how cultures are presented in textbooks. Teachers answered that cultures are presented there via different types of articles, dialogues, pictures, stories, famous people, interesting facts, texts and specific facts depending on the unit topic.

Figure XXI.


In the next question in a row, teachers were asked to comment on if there is enough cultural information presented in textbooks. According to most of them, textbooks contain enough information in connection with this topic. One of them is of a different opinion. $\mathrm{He} /$ She states that there could be more information, but also that experience used to help explain something cannot be beaten.

Figure XXII.


Question number twenty-three surveys if teachers think that textbooks should contain some other cultures than what they have already mentioned in question number twenty. Most of them have the same opinion and based on their answers there is no need for other cultures. However, one of them states that the more the merrier as it makes lessons more enjoyable.

Figure XXIII.


The intention of this question is to find out how teachers feel about teaching culture at lower secondary schools in comparison to what they learned about the culture at university. Each teacher presents a different answer. The first stated that it is absolutely different, learners need to know only basic information. According to the second, there is no time to teach it properly. Then, the third responded that he/she feels quite satisfied with it. The fourth answered positively and that he/she is happy about it. And lastly, the fifth has no experience with a university in the Czech Republic.

## Figure XXIV.

## 24. How do you feel about teaching culture at lower secondary school in comparison to what you learned about culture at university?



Question number twenty-five focuses on the teachers' experience of teaching a learner of a different culture. One of the responders stated that there are some learners whose parents come from for example Slovakia, Ukraine and Yemen. Another one said that he/she has experienced with all the different nationalities within the school, but mainly with Asian children. Then, two of the teachers answered that they have taught Vietnamese. Only one of them has not yet had the opportunity to have this experience.

Figure $X X V$.


The penultimate question deals with the question if the school includes the topic of culture in the curriculum and also how. The responders stated that this topic is included in the curriculum of their school. Some of them add that this topic is more taught in conversation lessons. One of the teachers also refers to the Framework Educational Programme, School Curriculum, and Cross-Cultural Themes, where multicultural education and education for thinking in European and global contexts are included.

Figure XXVI.


The last question of this questionnaire asks the teachers if their school organizes tours to some English-speaking countries. Both schools organize tours abroad and for example to the USA, the UK and Ireland. Among other things, the primary school Unesco takes part in the Erasmus project.

Figure XXVII.


### 3.3 Comparison

### 3.3.1 Grades

This chapter presents a comparison of grades based on results from questionnaires, from the third (first and second are included in tables) to the last question of the questionnaire.
3. Age

The table below shows the average age of learners in each grade from each school. The age match is for learners in the sixth and ninth grades. For the seventh grade of Primary School Uh. Ostroh, the average age of learners is one year older. The opposite is true for eighth-graders.

Table I.

| Schools | Grades |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Sixth | Seventh | Eighth | Ninth |


| ZŠ UNESCO | 12 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Uh. Hradiš̌ě |  |  |  |  |
| ZŠ Uh. Ostroh | 12 | 13 | 12 | 14 |

## 4. Gender

Here, the table shows the gender representation. As can be seen, only in the ninth grade of the UNESCO school, women predominate. At the school in Ostroh, we can say that there is more balance. There are two grades where are more women and two grades where there are more men.

Table II.

| Schools | Grades |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Sixth | Seventh | Eighth | Ninth |
| ZŠ UNESCO | 27 M | 21 M | 23 M | 18 F |
| Uh. Hradiš̌̌̌ |  |  |  |  |
| ZŠ Uh. Ostroh | 18 F | 17 M | 18 M | 17 F |
|  |  |  |  |  |

5. Is English one of your favourite subjects?

This table shows the numbers of how many learners in each grade find English their favourite subject. Firstly, at the UNESCO school, from 53 learners of the sixth grade 27 like English. From 41 learners of the seventh grade 28 like English. Then, from 43 learners of the eighth grade 23 like English. And from 38 learners of the ninth grade 23 like English. Secondly, at the Ostroh school, to 19 learners from 29 of the sixth grade English belongs to their favorite subject. Then, to 22 learners from 31 of the seventh grade English is a favourite subject. In the eighth grade, there are 23 learners from 28 that like English. Last, 25 learners of the ninth grade like English from the overall number of 33 learners.

Table III.

| Schools | Grades |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Sixth | Seventh | Eighth | Ninth |


| ZŠ UNESCO | 27 | 28 | 23 | 23 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Uh. Hradiš̌̌̌ |  |  |  |  |
| ZŠ Uh. Ostroh | 19 | 22 | 23 | 25 |
|  |  |  |  |  |

6. How many English-speaking countries do you think are there?

The table below shows the average numbers of the English-speaking countries that learners of each grade stated. According to the sixth grade of the UNESCO school, there are 17 countries. The average number of English-speaking countries that the seventh grade stated is 30 . For eighth-graders, the average number of countries is 32 . By ninth-graders, there are 37 English- speaking countries on average. According to the sixth grade of the school in Uh. Ostroh, there are 39 countries. The average number of English-speaking countries that the seventh grade stated is 18 . For eighth-graders, the average number of countries is 20. By ninth-graders, there are 42 English- speaking countries on average.

Table IV.

| Schools | Grades |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Sixth | Seventh | Eighth | Ninth |
| ZŠ UNESCO | 17 | 30 | 32 | 37 |
| Uh. Hradiš̌̌̌ |  |  |  |  |
| ZŠ Uh. Ostroh | 39 | 18 | 20 | 42 |
|  |  |  |  |  |

7. Could you name some of them?

Here, in this table are represented the most listed countries of English-speaking countries examples from each grade. As can be seen, learners mostly mentioned the two main representatives of English-speaking countries. In the case of both schools, the sixth and the seventh grades mostly stated the USA in one case and the UK in the other. By the school in Uh. Ostroh, the USA and the UK were mentioned equally. For the UNESCO school, by eighth-graders, learners mostly stated the UK. Last, the ninth graders in one case mostly mentioned the UK and in the other case, they mentioned the USA.

## Table V.

| Schools | Grades |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Sixth | Seventh | Eighth | Ninth |
| ZŠ UNESCO | USA | USA | UK | UK |
| Uh. Hradiště |  |  |  |  |
| ZŠ Uh. Ostroh | UK | UK | UK |  |

8. Have you visited any English-speaking countries? If yes, which one?

The following table shows the numbers of learners who have been to some Englishspeaking countries. By the UNESCO school, there are nine learners from the sixth grade. Then, there are five seventh-graders that have already been to an English-speaking country. From the eighth grade, there are ten visitors of an English-speaking country. As of last, there are nineteen learners in the ninth grade. By the Ostroh school, there are 27 learners from the sixth grade. Then, there are 27 seventh-graders that have already been to an English-speaking country. From the eighth grade, there are 26 visitors of an Englishspeaking country. As of last, there are 32 learners in the ninth grade. Learners mostly visited the UK.

Table VI.

| Schools | Grades |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Sixth | Seventh | Eighth | Ninth |
| ZŠ UNESCO | 9 | 5 | 10 | 19 |
| Uh. Hradiště |  |  |  |  |
| ZŠ Uh. Ostroh | 27 | 27 | 26 | 32 |
|  |  |  |  |  |

9. Have you noticed any of the cultural examples? If yes, which one?

The next table shows how many learners have noticed any of some cultural examples. Starting with the UNESCO school, eight learners of the sixth grade have. Then, by the seventh graders, there was no example. From the eighth grade, nine learners have noticed some of the examples. Last, there are seven learners in the ninth grade. Further, by the
second school, only one learner of the sixth grade has. Then, by the seventh graders, there were two positive answers. From the eighth grade, five learners have noticed some of the examples. And last, there are three learners in the ninth grade.

Examples are presented in chapter 4.1.

Table VII.

| Schools | Grades |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Sixth | Seventh | Eighth | Ninth |
| ZŠ UNESCO | 8 | 0 | 9 | 7 |
| Uh. Hradiště |  |  |  |  |
| ZŠ Uh. Ostroh | 1 | 2 | 5 | 3 |
|  |  |  |  |  |

10. Have you had the opportunity to speak to a native speaker?

From the sixth graders of the UNESCO school, 51 learners have had an opportunity to speak with a native speaker. There are 40 seventh-graders that have had that opportunity and so it is with eighth-graders. By ninth graders, it is 38 learners. From the sixth graders of the Ostroh school, eleven learners have had an opportunity to speak with a native speaker. There are nine seventh-graders that have had that opportunity. By eighth graders, it is five learners and with ninth graders, it is eleven.

Table VIII.

| Schools | Grades |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Sixth | Seventh | Eighth | Ninth |
| ZŠ UNESCO | 51 | 40 | 40 | 38 |
| Uh. Hradiště |  |  |  |  |
| ZŠ Uh. Ostroh | 11 | 9 | 5 | 11 |
|  |  |  |  |  |

## 11. What comes to your mind when somebody says 'Culture'?

This table represents the most frequent answers among the learners. Overall, as the table shows learners mostly stated the word sights. In the case of the sixth and ninth grades of both schools and by the eighth grade of the UNESCO school. As the second in order are
customs, which were mostly stated by the seventh graders of both schools and by the eighth graders of the Ostroh school. As the last, sixth graders of the UNESCO school also stated the word food as a representative word connected with culture. These two words were mentioned equally.

Table IX.

| Schools | Grades |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Sixth | Seventh | Eighth | Ninth |
| ZŠ UNESCO | Sights | Customs | Sights | Sights |
| Uh. Hradiště | Food |  |  |  |
| ZŠ Uh. Ostroh | Sights | Customs | Customs | Sights |
|  |  |  |  |  |

12. Do you like learning about the culture of foreign countries?

This table shows how many learners like learning about foreign culture. Starting with the UNESCO school, there are 33 sixth graders, 30 seventh graders, 33 eighth graders and 31 ninth graders that answered yes. Next, from the Ostroh school, there are 26 sixth graders, then 21 seventh graders, 18 eighth graders and 21 ninth graders that like learning about foreign culture.

Table X.

| Schools | Grades |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Sixth | Seventh | Eighth | Ninth |
| ZŠ UNESCO | 33 | 30 | 33 | 31 |
| Uh. Hradiště |  |  |  |  |
| ZŠ Uh. Ostroh | 26 | 21 | 18 | 21 |
|  |  |  |  |  |

13. What comes to your mind when somebody says the UK?

The following table represents learners' most frequent responses. As can be seen, they mostly stated the head of state, Queen Elisabeth the second, and especially in each of the UNESCO school grades. Moreover, sixth-graders also mentioned the capital city, London. London was mostly mentioned by the eighth and ninth graders of the Ostroh school. Further,
as was the case with the previous school, here, the seventh graders mostly stated the Queen as well. The sixth graders therefore stated that it is a big state.

Table XI.

| Schools | Grades |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Sixth | Seventh | Eighth | Ninth |
| ZŠ UNESCO <br> Uh. Hradiště | Queen <br> Elizabeth II. <br> London | Queen <br> Elizabeth II. | Queen <br> Elizabeth II. | Queen <br> Elizabeth II. |
| ZŠ Uh. Ostroh | Big State | Queen <br> Elizabeth II. | London | London |

14. What comes to mind when somebody says the USA?

Based on the responses, the United States of America represents for learners President Joe Biden and also the Ex-President Donald Trump, mostly for sixth graders of the UNESCO school and then for the seventh graders of the same school and for the eighth grades of the other. Further, in the connection with presidents, seventh graders of both schools stated the White House. By the eighth graders of the UNESCO school, there was mostly mentioned the Flag of the United States. In the case of both schools, learners of the ninth grades mostly mentioned New York. As of last, for sixth graders of the Ostroh school, the USA represents mostly the USA.

Table XII.

| Schools | Grades |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Sixth | Seventh | Eighth | Ninth |
| ZŠ UNESCO | Joe Biden | Donald Trump <br> The White <br> Uh. Hradiště | Flag of the <br> United States | New York |
| ZŠ Uh. Ostroh | USA | The White <br> House | Donald Trump | New York |

15. Are any of your classmates from a foreign country?

The table below shows the number of positive responses among learners. Firstly, by the sixth graders of the first school, according to 51 learners, there is a classmate coming from a foreign country in their class. Then, by the seventh graders, eleven learners stated that they have a foreign classmate. Nineteen learners of the eighth graders claim there is a foreign classmate in the class. In the last grade, thirteen learners stated there is a foreign classmate among them. Secondly, by the sixth graders of the second school, according to seventeen learners, there is a classmate coming from a foreign country in their class. Then, by the seventh graders, 22 learners stated that they have a foreign classmate. 28 learners of the eighth graders claim there is a foreign classmate in the class. In the last grade, nineteen learners stated there is a foreign classmate among them.

Table XIII.

| Schools | Grades |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Sixth | Seventh | Eighth | Ninth |
| ZŠ UNESCO | 51 | 11 | 19 | 13 |
| Uh. Hradiště |  |  |  |  |
| ZŠ Uh. Ostroh | 17 | 22 | 28 | 19 |
|  |  |  |  |  |

## 16. Do you know anything about his/her culture?

In connection with the previous table, the following table represents the number of learners that know something about culture of that foreign classmate. Among the sixth graders, with reference to the table above, in the first case, nine graders from 51 know something about his/her culture. In the second case, the numbers of answers do not match much. There are more responses than in the previous table. Nevertheless, 28 learners stated that they know something about their classmate's culture. Next, 5 from 11 learners of the seventh grade of the first school claim that as well. By the seventh graders of the second school, there is the same issue as was by the sixth graders. However, 25 from 22 learners stated that they know something about that culture. Moving on to the eighth-graders, in the case of the UNESCO school, there is a match of the responses. In the case of the Ostroh school, there are 25 from 28 learners that mentioned that they know something about their classmate's culture. From among the last grades, by the first school, eleven from thirteen learners stated that they know something about his/her culture. By the second school, 29
learners claim that they know something as well, even in the previous table, only nineteen believe they have a foreign classmate in their class.

Table XIV.

| Schools | Grades |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Sixth | Seventh | Eighth | Ninth |
| ZŠ UNESCO | 9 | 5 | 19 | 11 |
| Uh. Hradiš̌̌̌ |  |  |  |  |
| ZŠ Uh. Ostroh | 28 | 25 | 25 | 29 |
|  |  |  |  |  |

17. Which of the foreign cultures do you like?

From the following table, it is obvious which culture the learners like the most. All grades of both schools are agreed that they prefer the American one. Only in one case, by the seventh graders of the UNESCO school, where the American and the British culture were mentioned equally.

Table XV.

| Schools | Grades |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Sixth | Seventh | Eighth | Ninth |
| ZŠ UNESCO | American | American | American | American |
| Uh. Hradiš̌̌̌ |  | British |  |  |
| ZŠ Uh. Ostroh | American | American | American | American |
|  |  |  |  |  |

18. What film/series from English speaking countries do you know?

This table shows examples of films and series that learners stated the most frequently. Overall, the first place belongs to Harry Potter, this film was mostly mentioned by the sixth and eighth grades of the first school and then by the seventh and ninth grades of the second school. Further, among the most stated examples were Avengers (by the sixth graders of the Ostroh school), Stranger Things (by the seventh graders of the UNESCO school), Marvel movies (by the ninth graders of the Ostroh school) and the last were Simpsons (by the eighth graders of the second school and by the ninth graders of the first school).

Table XVI.

| Schools | Grades |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Sixth | Seventh | Eighth | Ninth |
| ZŠ UNESCO | Harry Potter | Stranger <br> Uhings | Harry Potter | Simpsons |
| ZŠ Uh. Ostroh | Avengers | Harry Potter | Simpsons | Harry Potter <br> Marvel movies |

19. Which musical artist from English-speaking countries do you know?

From the musical artists, there was mostly mentioned singer Billie Eilish. She was stated by learners of the sixth grade of the Ostroh school and then by learners of the seventh grade of both schools. The sixth and ninth graders of the UNESCO school mostly stated singer Ariana Grande. From among the eighth-graders, learners of the first school stated singer Ed Sheeran and in the case of the second school, there were singer Harry Styles and rapper Travis Scott mentioned equally. By the ninth graders of the Ostroh school, there was mostly stated rapper Eminem.

Table XVII.

| Schools | Grades |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Sixth | Seventh | Eighth | Ninth |
| ZŠ UNESCO <br> Uh. Hradiš̌̌ | Ariana Grande | Billie Eilish | Ed Sheeran | Ariana Grande |
| ZŠ Uh. Ostroh | Billie Eilish | Billie Eilish | Travis Scott <br> Harry Styles | Eminem |

20. Which actor/actress from English-speaking countries do you know?

The next table represents the learner's most frequently stated examples of actors and actresses. In this case, the answers are sporadic. Starting with the grades of the UNESCO school, by the sixth learners mostly mentioned actress Emma Watson. Then, by the seventh, they mentioned actress Millie Bobby Brown. Learners of the eighth grade stated actor Leonardo DiCaprio. The last grade has mostly written down the actor Tom Holland. Moving on to grades of the Ostroh school, sixth-graders stated actor Daniel Radcliffe. T next grade
mostly mentioned actor Johnny Depp. By the eighth-graders, there were actress Emma Watson and actor Tom Holland mentioned equally. Lastly, learners of the ninth grade stated actor Brad Pitt.

Table XVIII.

| Schools | Grades |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Sixth | Seventh | Eighth | Ninth |
| ZŠ UNESCO <br> Uh. Hradiš̌̌ | Emma Watson | Millie Bobby <br> Brown | Leonardo <br> DiCaprio | Tom Holland |
| ZŠ Uh. Ostroh | Daniel <br> Radcliffe | Johnny Depp | Emma Watson <br> Tom Holland | Brad Pitt |

21. Which writer from English-speaking countries do you know?

The following table shows of most listed examples of writers. Each grade of each school mentioned writer Joanne Kathleen Rowling. Only by the sixth grade of the Ostroh school, learners stated writers such as Oscar Wilde and Tom Hutchinson as well. In this case, all of these three examples were mentioned equally.

Table XIX.

| Schools | Grades |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Sixth | Seventh | Eighth | Ninth |
| ZŠ UNESCO <br> Uh. Hradiště | J.K. Rowling | J.K. Rowling | J.K. Rowling | J.K. Rowling |
| ZŠ Uh. Ostroh | J.K. Rowling <br> O. Wilde <br> T. Hutchinson | J.K. Rowling | J.K. Rowling | J.K. Rowling |

22. What other celebrities from English-speaking countries do you know? (Politicians, athletes, rulers, ...)

This table represents examples of other well-known people that learners know. Overall, as can be seen, they mostly stated the Ex-President of the USA, Donald Trump. There is an exception by the sixth graders of the Ostroh school who mostly mentioned Queen Elisabeth the second. And lastly, in the case of the seventh graders of the Ostroh school, there was
also stated the current President of the USA, Joe Biden. Both names were mentioned equally.

Table XX.

| Schools | Grades |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Sixth | Seventh | Eighth | Ninth |
| ZŠ UNESCO <br> Uh. Hradiš̌̌̌ | Donald Trump | Donald Trump | Donald Trump | Donald Trump |
| ZŠ Uh. Ostroh | Queen <br> Elisabeth II. | Donald Trump <br> Joe Biden | Donald Trump | Donald Trump |

$\rightarrow$ Grades' comparison is based on the number of responses to questions where students were asked to give examples.

Table XXI.

| Schools | Grades |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Sixth | Seventh | Eighth | Ninth |
| ZŠ UNESCO <br> Uh. Hradiš̌̌̌ | 805 | $\mathbf{8 5 9}$ | 565 | 661 |
| ZŠ Uh. Ostroh | 364 | 416 | 493 | $\mathbf{5 6 6}$ |
| Overall | 1.169 | $\mathbf{1 . 2 7 5}$ | 1.058 | 1.227 |

We may say that, from all of the grades of the Ostroh school is the ninth that has the best cultural awareness. On the other hand, the seventh graders of the UNESCO school have the best cultural awareness and we may also say that overall, the seventh graders together have the best cultural awareness as well.

### 3.3.2 Schools

Comparison of schools (six-nine grades of one school and six-nine grades of the other school altogether).

Table XXII.

| Questions | Schools |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | ZŠ UNESCO Uh. Hradiště | ZŠ Uh. Ostroh |
| Number of learners | 175 | 121 |
| Gender | 88 Male <br> 83 Female <br> 2 Nonbinary <br> 1 Not sure about it <br> 1 Do not want to mention | 62 Male <br> 59 Female |
| English as a favourite subject | 101 | 89 |
| Number of English-speaking countries | 29 | 30 |
| Examples of Englishspeaking countries | 503 | 406 |
| Visit of an English-speaking country | 33 | 7 |
| Noticing a cultural example | 47 | 10 |
| An opportunity to speak with a native speaker | 146 | 36 |
| Culture represents | 254 | 168 |
| Like learning about culture | 127 | 86 |
| Speaking about the UK | 343 | 194 |
| Speaking about the USA | 324 | 179 |
| Classmate from a foreign country in the class | 104 | 40 |


| Knowing something about <br> the culture of the foreign <br> classmate | $\mathbf{3 0}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Favourite foreign culture | $\mathbf{6 8}$ | $\mathbf{5 6}$ |
| Films and Series | $\mathbf{3 6 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 2 0}$ |
| Music artists | $\mathbf{3 0 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 6 9}$ |
| Actors and Actresses | $\mathbf{3 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 7 4}$ |
| Writers | $\mathbf{1 9 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 2}$ |
| Other well-known people | $\mathbf{2 8 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 2 5}$ |

From the school in Uh. Hradiště, there was number of 175 responders. Among responders were more men than women. From responders, there 101 learners that like learning English. According to them, there are around 29 English-speaking countries in average. Altogether, they stated 503 examples of English-speaking countries. From the number of responders 33 learners have visited at least one of them and there are 47 responders that stated they have noticed any of the cultural example. Then, 146 of them have spoken with a native speaker. Further, overall learners presented 254 examples of what does culture represent. There are 127 of them that like learning about culture. All grades together stated 343 examples that represent the UK. Moreover, responders stated 324 examples that represent the USA. According to 104 responders, there are learners form a foreign country at school. However, 30 of the responders stated that they know something about their culture. The most favourite foreign culture among responders is the American (68). From examples of films and series learners wrote down 369 examples. Then, the responders mentioned 302 examples of music artists. Further, among responses of actors and actresses examples were 316 answers. By writers, there were 190 examples. Lastly, learners gave 289 examples of other well-known people.

From the school in Uh. Ostroh, there were 121 responders. Among responders, there were more men than women as well as by the previous one. From the number of responders, 89 learners like learning English. According to responders, there are around 30 Englishspeaking countries in average. Altogether, they stated 406 examples of English-speaking countries. From the responders, 7 learners have visited at least one of them and there are 10 responders that stated they have noticed some of the cultural examples. Then, 36 of them have spoken with a native speaker. Further, overall learners presented 168 examples of what does
culture represent. There are 86 of them that like learning about culture. All grades together stated 194 examples that represent the UK. Moreover, responders stated 179 examples that represent the USA. According to 40 responders, there are learners form a foreign country at school. However, 5 of the responders stated that they know something about their culture. The most favourite foreign culture among responders is the American (56). By films and series there were 220 examples. Then, the responders mentioned 169 examples of music artists. Further, among responses of actors and actresses examples were 174 answers. From examples of writers, learners wrote down 122 examples. Lastly, learners gave 225 examples of other well-known people.

### 3.4 Textbook analysis and evaluation

Textbooks will be evaluated according to the book How to teach English written by Jeremy Harmer (2009). In particular under Chapter 11, where is a sub-chapter Choosing coursebooks which contains a possible coursebook analysis checklist. There are possible questions for coursebook analysis of possible areas for consideration, in this case Cultural appropriacy. The table is part of the appendix. Further, textbooks will be evaluated according to frameworks and from my own perspective. Among evaluated coursebook are Prepare, that I used during my first teaching practice at the UNESCO school and Project, that I used during my second teaching practice at the Ostroh school.

### 3.4.1 Prepare $(1,2)$

These textbooks include pages dedicated to teaching culture. Learners are presented with cultural topics such as Homes around the world (that is presented by reading and listening exercises about families from South Africa, Uzbekistan and Japan) Meeting and greeting (here is a quiz where learners should decide how people greet each other in given places and there is also a text with questions such as Why do people nod and shake their hands?, to which learners are asked to find the answers), What I eat (this topic is presented by reading exercise in the form of three profiles of people, one from Namibia, second from Canada and third from China), World cinema (here is a film quiz for learners and the a table with information about films from different countries), Special training schools (this cultural part presents talented young people, there is a reading and listening exercise), The USA (here is a
quiz for learners to find out how much do they know about the USA and then there is a reading exercise about four states of the USA - California, Florida, New York, Texas), Secondary school in the UK (this topic is presented by reading exercises, information about schools are presented), Football - The beautiful game (by this topic is mentioned The Football Festival For Hope and there is a quiz about The World Cup), Instrument families (this cultural page include listening and reading exercise about instruments and their families), Mumbai - India, (here are some facts about Mumbai presented) Festivals (where are mentioned the Hindu festival 'Diwali' and The Moon Festival in China) Teens at work (here are three dialogues presented), Hollywood (there is reading and listening about Hollywood and Oscars), Famous British people (here are mentioned the Great Britons such as William Shakespeare, John Lennon and Paul McCartney, Sir Isaac Newton, Richard Branson and Queen Elisabeth I). and An island of the sun (where the country of Jamaica is presented).

Besides these cultural circles, in the books can be also found some of the cultural topics that are presented in each unit. There are units called such as Design and technology, where are logos of the companies presented. Then, Fantastic facts, where is a quiz containing questions from the field of history, art, sport or music. By the unit City living, It is a great place for tourists, there is a listening exercise where learners' task is to match capitals with cities and pictures of monuments. Moving on to unit Festivals and Films, It is a festival that everyone loves, here are festivals such as Moon Fest, Dynamics and Sounds presented in the form of reading exercise. This coursebook presents to leaners a page called Languages of the world where is a reading exercise about language in Europe, Asia, Africa, Americans and Australia and Oceania. By unit about food there is mentioned the Pancake Day.

Further, by the topic In fashion, there are famous people on photos that learners should recognize. From singers for example Rihanna, Taylor Swift or Katy Perry. There is also an article about fashion in connection with music. In the book can be also found a text from the sport field and is about British gymnastics star Claudia Fragapane.

Moreover, there is a reading and listening exercise reflecting on The Great Fire and The Black Death. Next, there is reading about Street food around the world. Further, learners can read about A trip to Edinburgh. Next, there are pages with the title What is your favourite TV shows and You should read it, where are reading exercises about Talent Shows and about film School of Rock and book Charlie and The Chocolate Factory. In the connection with cultural topic An island of the sun, there is a page called Fun Facts mentioning famous people such as

Usain Bolt and Bob Marley or national dish of that island and more. Lastly, there is a page mentioning Mother's Day is especially important and it is presented by reading exercise.

By each culture page there are instructions for learner's project.

### 3.4.2 Project (2,3)

These textbooks include pages dedicated to teaching culture as well. From cultural topics there are presented for example Festivals (there is an overview of a typical year in Britain, the main festivals during the year are covered in a text), Animals (here is a text about animals living in Britain), Holidays (this topic is presented by a text about how families in Britain spend holidays), Meals (this cultural part presents British meals and mealtimes, there is a reading exercise), Weather (at this cultural page there is a text about the weather in Britain), Cinema (here are presented films such as Harry Potter, Sherlock Holmes, James Bond and Wallace and Gromit and again by a text), Families (there is a text about a British boy talking about his family), Transport (this topic is presented by a reading exercise, mentioning transport in London, airports, railways and roads in Britain), Britain (at this culture page there is a presentation of the country containing a text about Scotland, Wales and Ireland), The Big Apple (here is a text about New York City), Heroes and Heroines (this cultural page contain a text that presents the national heroes and heroines of the UK) and as the last topic are Signs (there are short texts and signs that should be matched together).

By each culture page there are instructions for learner's project as well as by the previous coursebook. In addition, learners are also asked to compare it with their country.

The Project coursebook includes six culture topics. Project has only one page that is reserved to culture and that is at the end of each unit. Culture topic is mostly presented by reading exercise (texts and articles) supplemented by listening exercise. Each topic is accompanied by a video. In this coursebook is the British culture mostly presented. The publisher of these coursebooks is Oxford.

The Prepare coursebook contains five topics from the field of culture. There are mainly two pages reserved to the culture topic. Topics are presented by reading (texts and articles) and listening exercises and quiz. Although the Prepare focuses on one less topic of culture, besides these pages, there are also some of the cultural information presented by single units. In this
coursebook is presented the British culture as well as the American. The publisher of these coursebooks is Cambridge.

By both, activities can be considered as appropriate. Materials used are appropriate, texts do not contain culturally insensitive material. The coursebooks do not seem to be prejudiced in the way it deals with different customs, ethnicities, races and sexes.

As a part of the appendix are contents of each coursebook, where spheres across the curriculum are mentioned. In the appendix, there is also a chapter containing information about the British and American culture and some tips from books for teaching culture and excerpts from them.

## Conclusion

The aim of this thesis was to find out how culture is taught, if it is important teaching culture, if it has beneficial impact on learners and what is their cultural awareness. The theoretical part includes general concepts that are related to culture and their definitions. Then, how the topic of culture in general is included in the curriculum, based on documents such as the school and the framework curriculum. The practical part includes a presentation of the research results and an analysis of the textbooks.

## Aims and Hypotheses of the research were:

- The aim was to find out learners' cultural awareness about the British and American culture. It was predicted that they will have sufficient knowledge.

Overall, according to their responses and number of examples, it might be said that learners have sufficient knowledge of both cultures. So, the prediction can be therefore considered as proved. Even by the second school, where the British Culture is mostly presented, learners have a great knowledge about the American one as well. However, in both cases, based on the answers, students have a greater awareness of British culture.

- The aim was to find out which culture students prefer. It was predicted that they will show a preference for British culture over American culture.

In this case, the prediction was disproved. The prediction was made upon the location of the countries and also the teaching of both cultures (perceived as having the culture more within reach and more presented in schools). Of these cultures, the preference gained the American one.

- The aim was to find out whether learners from a language primary school are better off knowledge-wise than learners from a non-language primary school. The prediction was that learners from a language lower-secondary school will have a better cultural awareness than learners from a non-language lower-secondary school.

It was found out that learners from a language lower-secondary school will have a better cultural awareness than learners from a non-language lower-secondary school. The prediction can therefore be considered proved. However, the number of learners must
be taken into account. The UNECSO school had more respondents, so the outcome could have been different.

- The aim was to find out whether teachers agree with teaching culture, if they find it an important/useful part of the curriculum.

According to teachers, presenting culture seems to be beneficial for learners and that it is a benefit especially if the teacher is of a different culture. Further, they see it important because of the context, that helps learners understand how language works and that it is good to know about important things of each country. In addition, to understand a language means to have to understand the people who use it, as things differ in different regions within a country.

- The aim was to find out how satisfied teachers are with the presentation of the culture topic.

According to most of them, textbooks contain enough information. Culture is presented via different types of articles, dialogues, pictures, through stories, famous people, interesting facts, texts and specific facts depending on the unit topic. However, one of them thinks that there could be more information, but also that experience used to help explain something cannot be beaten.

- The aim was to find out what topics in the field of culture teachers consider as the most important ones.

According to one teacher, very things and people are treated the same. Two of the teachers do not put more emphasis on anything particular from the field of culture and the other two put more emphasis for example on history, family, food, films and famous people.

- The aim was to find out what techniques, strategies, materials, activities teachers use to present this topic.

Most of them use PowerPoint presentations, prepared either on their part or on the part of the learners. Then, look for inspiration on the internet (websites). Some reading and listening exercises are used as well as videos and photos. Textbooks are used, sometimes some worksheets are prepared, and games are played. There are also pair or group work, a classroom discussion and experience sharing.

- It was assumed that ninth-grade learners will have the greatest cultural awareness. This prediction was half proved. In the case of the UNESCO school, the greatest cultural awareness has the seventh grade. In the case of the Ostroh school, the best cultural awareness has the ninth grade.
- It was assumed, that based on textbooks and from teachers' perspectives, the most represented culture is the British one.

The prediction was half proved. According to teachers, the most presented culture is the American one. Then the British culture and the Western-European culture follow. In one of the answers was stated that there are presented international cultures such as Indian, Spanish, Brazilian, Chinese or Caribbean. On the other hand, from the compared textbooks, more presented culture is the British one.

As a suggestion for expansion, there could be lesson plans created for teaching culture. Their implementation in lessons with learners and their subsequent analysis.

In closing, some of the hypotheses were proved, some of them were half proved and some of them were disproved as well. Surprising findings are that some of the teachers do not consider teaching culture as an important part of the curriculum and the fact that learners like American culture more than British. Furthermore, that learners of the seventh grade from the UNESCO school has the greatest cultural awareness. Finally, in my opinion, the Prepare coursebooks are more appropriate for teaching culture. There is more of the cultural information and not only one culture is mainly presented.

## Résumé

On the basis of the research conducted by questionnaire survey, it was found that the learners of the UNESCO primary school in Uh.Hradiště and the primary school in Uh.Ostroh have sufficient cultural awareness. It was also found that learners prefer American culture. Another finding was that learners from the primary school in Uh. Hradiště have more cultural awareness than learners from the primary school in Uh. Ostroh. In another questionnaire survey it was found that only some teachers consider teaching culture important. It was also found among teachers that textbooks contain a sufficient amount of cultural information and that it is presented in the form of articles, dialogues, stories, pictures, texts and facts. Teachers were also found to present the topic of culture to students through power point presentations, videos, photos, worksheets or games. Through the analysis of the textbooks, it was found that mainly British culture is presented to the learners.

## Resumé

Na základě výzkumu provedeného dotazníkovým šetřením bylo zjištěno, že žáci ZŠ UNESCO v Uh. Hradišti a ZŠ v Uh. Ostrohu mají dostatečné kulturní povědomí. Dále bylo zjištěno, že žáci preferují americkou kulturu. Dalším zjištěním bylo, že žáci ze ZŠ v Uh. Hradišti mají větší kulturní povědomí než žáci ze ZŠ v Uh. Ostrohu. V dalším dotazníkovém šetření bylo zjištěno, že pouze někteří učitelé považují výuku kultury za důležitou. U učitelů bylo také zjištěno, že učebnice obsahují dostatečné množství kulturních informací a že jsou prezentovány formou článků, dialogů, příběhů, obrázků, textů a faktů. Bylo také zjištěno, že učitelé prezentují žákủm téma kultury prostřednictvím powerpointových prezentací, videí, fotografií, pracovních listů nebo her. Analýzou učebnic bylo zjištěno, že žákům je prezentována především britská kultura.

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## Appendix

## 2. British and American culture

This chapter refers to the research and textbook analysis of the diploma thesis.

### 2.1 Characteristics of the country

The official name is the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The Great Britain (shortened Britain) is the largest island in the UK that includes England Scotland and Wales. Northern Ireland (Ulster) lies in the north-eastern part of the island of Ireland and borders with the Republic of Ireland (Eire) in the southern and western parts of Ireland. The UK is a so-called "country of countries". There can be also the geographical term The British Isles used for it. The United Kingdom is one of the Commonwealth countries. This community consists of about fifty countries. To this country belongs the title of the first country in the world that became industrialized.

An area of this country is $243,610 \mathrm{sq}$. km and over this area are spread many places of interest and beautiful countryside, complemented by a diverse climate. Rainy weather is very typical because here rain falls throughout the year. The country is split up into regions. England is divided into East Anglia and the South-East areas, and its highest point is Scafell Pike ( 978 m) in the Cumbrian Mountains. Scotland consists of three areas. Highlands, where is also the highest point of the UK, Ben Nevis ( $1,344 \mathrm{~m}$ ), then the Central Lowlands and the Southern Uplands. Further, the Cambrian Mountains cover most of Wales's country. The highest point here is the Snowdon massif ( 914 m ). Northern Island's highest point is the Slieve Dornard ( 850 m ), and it is the highest point of the Mournes Mountains as well. Moreover, lakes can be found in the Lake District in north-east England, where is the lake Windermere and in the Scottish Highlands, where the famous lake Loch Ness can be found. The last point, that cannot be missed from this sphere is rivers. The very famous river is the Thames which flows through London, and the River Severn which is the longest one ( 354 km ).

The UK is a population of about 70 million people and around $90 \%$ of the population lives in towns and cities. This country is a country of different nations. The population consists of diverse minorities besides the British. The British are known for being tolerant of other religions. When it comes to religion, more than half of the UK citizens (around 60\%) profess Christianity. There is a type of religion called Anglicanism which comes from a form of

Christianity and belongs to the most common one. Because the UK is a multicultural country and is ethnically diverse, the rest of the inhabitants fall under a different faith. Islam religion is represented by around $4 \%$, Hinduism and Sikhism are represented by around $1 \%$, Judaism, Buddhism and some others represent around $0,5 \%$. In the last group, there are around $30 \%$ of Atheists.

The term the Union Jack presents the flag of the United Kingdom. The red cross (St George) represents England, the white diagonal cross (St Andrew) on a blue background belongs to Scotland and the diagonal red cross (St Patrick) symbolizes Ireland. The national anthem of the UK is God Save the Queen. The currency of this country is Pounds Sterling $£$.

The official name is the United States of America. The US has 50 states. The area of this country is $9,833,517 \mathrm{sq}$. km . Due to its size, America spans many climate zones. The weather here is therefore very unstable. The country is not officially split up into regions. Significant mountains are the Rocky and the Appalachian Mountains. The highest point in the USA is Denali ( 6190 m ), also known as Mount McKinley. On the other hand, the lowest point in the USA is Death Valley ( -86 m ). Moreover, in the USA a lot of lakes can be found. The wellknown is the Great Lakes. These include Lake Superior, Lake Huron, Lake Michigan, Lake Erie and Lake Ontario. Then, famous rivers are Columbia, Colorado, St. Lawrence River or the Rio Grande. The most important river in the USA is the Mississippi river which is the longest one ( 6212 km ). Between Lake Erie and Lake Ontario are the famous Niagara Falls.

The population of the USA is about 300 million people and around $80 \%$ of the population lives in towns and cities. This country is a country of different nations as well as the UK. The population consists of diverse minorities. There is the non- Hispanic white population (around $70 \%$ ), then Hispanic and non-Hispanic black (around 20\%), Asian Americans (around 4\%) and American Indian and Eskimo population (around 1\%). When it comes to religion, the USA citizens profess Christianity (around $80 \%$ ). Of that, around $50 \%$ are Protestants and around $30 \%$ are Roman Catholics. Because the USA, as well as the UK, is a multicultural country and is ethnically diverse, the rest of the inhabitants fall under a different faith. Islam religion is represented by around $1 \%$, Judaism is represented by around $2 \%$, Hinduism and Buddhism represent around $0,5 \%$. In the last group, there are around $14 \%$ of Atheists. Compared to the UK, there is a separation of church and state.

The term American flag consists of 13 stripes (representing the original 13 colonies) and 50 stars (each represents one of the states). The national anthem of the US is Star Spangled Banner.

The title reflects the American flag which is one of its nicknames. The currency of this country is the US Dollar \$.
(Brendlová 1996, Fraus 2008, Fraus 2009, Mountney and Anténe 2018, Peprník 1927, Storry and Childs 1997 and Veselý 1987)

### 2.2 Language

English is the primary language for $95 \%$ of the population. Even though the United Kingdom is overall a large country, where people are supposed to speak the same language, is this not entirely the case. In British life are accent and dialect very important. Due to the fact that English has a lot of special dialects and accents, people have difficulty understanding each other. A southern English accent is considered to be the best one to be used because it is the one that is generally accepted to be understood. This accent is also taught by foreigners as well. Standard English or standard British accent is referred to as Received Pronunciation, Oxford English or BBC English. There are some nations that speak their own language as well. In the Republic of Ireland, people speak Irish Gaelic, which is actually the first official language. There are still some people in Scotland that speak Scottish Gaelic. Lastly, some people in Wales still speak Welsh. (Brendlová 1996, Fraus 2009 and Mountney and Anténe 2018)

English has official status in 32 states. English is used by about $80 \%$ of Americans. There are some nations that speak their own language as well (Spanish, Indo-European languages, Asian, Pacific island languages). There are some variations of American English. As city-wide variation is considered to be such as New York City, Boston or Chicago. Then, a sample of the state-wide variation is for example Louisiana. Variations such as Pacific Northwest or New England Eastern are regional. Slang language is popular to be used. (Mountney and Anténe 2018)

In comparison with American English, the differences between British and American English are much greater than might have been at the first sight. Both variations of English differ from each other for example in the spelling of words, vocabulary and phrases. British people have an advantage in understanding the American version of English whereas Americans struggle to understand the British one. The reason for this problem is reflected by each of them from their exposure and attitudes toward foreigners. (Mountney and Anténe 2018)

### 2.3 Politics

The United Kingdom is a constitutional monarchy. The head of the state is the monarch (king or queen). Due to the constitution are the powers of the head limited. The constitution represents a set of rules. Since 1952 the monarch of the UK is the queen Elisabeth the Second. The full title is: Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and of her other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith. The Queen does not rule. She presents a formal head of state and a symbol of the unity of the nation. She acts on the advice of her ministers. However, the queen is the commander-in-chief of the armed forces and also the head of the Church of England. An important duty of the queen is the choice of the Prime Minister. A residence of her majesty, where she normally lives, is Buckingham Palace in the capital city of the UK, London. The Queen is also linked to her family, collectively referred to as the royal family. The family has a lot of members and the heir to the throne is the Queen's oldest son Prince Charles. All together should represent an ideal British family, associated with morals rather than power.

Although there is a queen as the head of state, the UK is a democratic country. Citizens have the right to vote and those who are over the age of 18 may vote in government elections.

The Government of the United Kingdom includes Cabinet ministers, Senior ministers of nonCabinet rank, Ministers of State, Parliamentary Under-Secretaries of State and The four Law Officers of the Crown.

The British Parliament is a very old institution and represents the highest authority. The functions of parliament include law-making, authorizing taxation, public expenditure, controlling and examining the actions of the Government. The Parliament is presented by two houses. The House of Lords consists of the Lords Temporal and the Lords Spiritual. The speaker of this House is the Lord Chancellor. While on the one hand is The House of Lords which gives advice on government legislation and is made up of hereditary and life peers, on the other, there is the House which represents the dominant political forum. The House of Commons consists of 650 members and each of them represents a particular part of Britain. The members are elected at the general election, which is held every four or five years. The speaker is a member proposed by the Government.

The Conservative Party, the Labour Party and the Liberal Democratic Party are the main three political parties in England. The Conservatives ("Tories") rank among the most successful British political party. This Party focuses on social issues and quality of life. The Labour party
promotes the interests of the working and lower classes. The Liberal Democrats ("Lib Dems") seek to decentralize power from parliament and minimize state interference in citizens' privacy. The party also is a supporter of the welfare state that would provide for the basic needs of society. The idea of the 'Welfare State' is included in the Labour Party's program too.

The British system of Government includes the most important and executive organ. The Cabinet has about 20 ministers and is chaired by the Prime Minister. The PM's residence is at 10 Downing Street. These days the PM is Boris Johnson. All the other ministers are selected by the PM, and each of them represents various government departments. The Prime Minister is selected by the monarch and must be a member of the House of Commons.

The United States is a federal presidential republic that consists of 50 states. Each state has its own government, laws, customs, education, taxes, traffic regulations, etc. However, the federal government represents the government of the whole country. The head of the federal government and of the state is a president and currently, it is Joe Biden. The president is elected every four years and is chosen by direct election of the voters. In America, there are two leading parties, the Democrats and the Republicans. Moreover, each state government has to keep to the Constitution. The Constitution represents three separate branches, Executive (President), Legislative (Congress) and Judicial (Supreme Court). Each of them has power over the other and the ultimate power belongs to the people. Congress consists of the Senate ( 100 senators) and the House of Representatives ( 435 members). A Senator is elected for six years and a Representative is elected for two years. The Supreme Court watches over if laws and acts of the President and Congress are in accordance with the Constitution.
(Brendlová 1996, Fraus 2008, Fraus 2009, Mountney and Anténe 2018, Peprník 1927, Storry and Childs 1997 and Veselý, 1987)

### 2.4 The capital city

Because London is the capital city of the country it is obvious that it is the largest city in the UK (covering an area of $1,572 \mathrm{sq} . \mathrm{km}$ ). Besides, it is also the largest city in Europe. However, there are other capital cities, that each country has its own as well. In this city live about 9 million people. It belongs to the list of attractive destinations and is very popular among tourists. London is divided into two parts, the City of London and the City of Westminster. The first mentioned part is the oldest part of the town. In this part of the city, there are a lot of sights to
be seen, but it is also famous for its shops, theatres and cinemas. From the sights, there is for example the Tower of London, Tower Bridge, St Paul's Cathedral, and Monument. The City of Westminster more likely represents the administrative and political life. There can be found for example the Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, The Old Royal Observatory, New Scotland Yard, Nelson's Column, St Mary-Le-Bow Church, St Martin-In-The-Fields Church, Downing Street and Doughty Street, where is the Dickens House.

The capital of the USA is Washington D.C. (covering an area of $177 \mathrm{sq} . \mathrm{km}$ ), and its population is about 700,000 people. There is the residence of the American President, the White House. In this city can be seen for example the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, and Jefferson Memorial. Other state institutions, besides the White House, such as U.S. Capitol, Library of Congress, U.S. National Archives, United States Supreme and Court Building. From cultural institutions for example Smithsonian Institution, National Gallery of Art, National Opera House or National Theatre.
(Brendlová 1996, Fraus 2008, Fraus 2009, Mountney and Anténe 2018, Storry and Childs 1997)

### 2.5 Family

Gender equality was established earlier in the $20^{\text {th }}$ century. Since that, men and women share the role of breadwinner. Whereas both are trying to build a career, nannies and au-pairs are quite common in British families

Moreover, the most common family type is represented by one mother, one father and according to average 2 children. For the families, it is quite rated to live together under one roof. Normally, the married couple moves away to their own home. Around $70 \%$ of British families live in privately owned homes. People live in their homes as long as possible. In case older people are no more capable to care for themselves, there are two possibilities to move into, the old people's home or a nursing home.

In addition, in Britain is a quite high rate of divorces which causes many children to end up brought up by single parents. Perhaps because nowadays partners rather decide to live together without marrying. However, there is a law that allows couples of the same sex to get married. Couples in England and Wales can get married already at the age of sixteen but only with
parental consent. Of course, after the age of eighteen it is allowed by the law. Nevertheless, couples tend to marry later in life.

To Americans, family is very important. There are more single-parent families than two-parent families. In the US are also more common same-sex couples. As a part of the American Dream is to own one's own home. For Americans is not uncommon that grandparents live with a family. About $60 \%$ live in detached single-family homes. Most houses are constructed from wood. Gender and divorce issues are pretty much the same as was mentioned above by the British family.
(Fraus 2008, Fraus, 2009, Mountney and Anténe, 2018 and Peprník, 1927)

### 2.6 Education

There are two types of school. The first one represents state schools, which are publicly owned and where state education is taught. These schools are free. The second type are public schools. They are privately owned and teach public education. These are paid.

Britain differs from other countries in teaching about religions. This is because learners need to understand other religions than Christianity, especially those that are represented in this country. Schools besides religious education also provide careers education and sex education. Further, there are faith schools to be found.

In education, there is an emphasis on the practical application of knowledge from the National Curriculum.

Before the school age, there are centers for children like nurseries and playgrounds or parents can take children to kindergartens as well.

From the age of 5 to 16 school is compulsory. The typical school day lasts from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There are six subjects that must be studied by students between the ages of 14 and 16. After two years, most of the students take the exam of GCSE. After the age of 16 students have the option to stay on in school or to attend college but it is not compulsory. Then, there is the Advanced Level examination (A-levels). These courses can be taken by students in schools or colleges and who have completed GCSE examinations. A-levels courses take students over two years and are one of the main routes into universities and employment.

The UK has around one hundred universities. Students can gain some of the bachelor's degrees (Bachelor of Arts, Science or Education). Further, there is a possibility for students to continue to study for master's degrees (Master of Arts, Science and Business Administration). After that, students can also award doctorates (PhD or DPhil in the arts or sciences). The traditional academic year has three terms and each of them lasts about eight weeks. The most famous universities are Oxford, Cambridge and London. The Oxbridge (Oxford and Cambridge University) belongs to the oldest one in England. Both Universities are the most esteemed in the world.

There also exist learning courses for adults, which can be beneficial for life and work. These courses are offered at universities and are provided by the Government. There are many forms of Further Education or Adult Education for example correspondence courses, evening classes, summer schools or The Open University.

Education is very important for American society. The US educational system can vary from state to state. Education is compulsory from the ages of 5 to 16 . Together for primary and secondary education, Americans use the term 'K-12' (12 grades of education). Nursery schools are mostly private and paid. Elementary schools are from the ages of 6 to 12 and there can be found Kindergarten as well and this is free. Then, secondary education lasts from 12 to 16 or 18 years old. All kinds of subjects can be chosen, from Developmental Reading to Problems of Democracy or Public Speaking. State schools prevail over private ones. Colleges provide undergraduate education (no more than a bachelor's degree), whereas universities provide undergraduate and graduate education. There are two types of tests (SAT - Scholastic Aptitude Test, ACT - American College Testing program), that students take, in order to be accepted into college or university. Available qualifications are bachelor's degree (BS or BA), master's degree (MA or MS) and doctorate (PhD). The academic year is split up into Spring and Fall semesters (16 weeks each). A school day usually lasts 6.5-7.5. hours and schools start from 88.30 am . To American elite universities belong for example Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Stanford, Massachusetts, Brown or Columbia University.
(Brendlová 1996, Fraus 2008, Fraus 2009, Mountney and Anténe 2018, Peprník 1927 and Veselý 1987)

### 2.7 Cuisine

British food has an internationally bad reputation. In fact, the British people prefer home cooking rather than eating in a restaurant, so visitors do have not really a choice to get a better version of the food but can only get poor quality of the food from restaurants. Due to the cosmopolitan culture in Britain, it can be sometimes difficult to find typical English food. On every corner, there are Eating houses of Chinese, Italian, Thai or Indian food.

The first thing that comes to mind in connection with this country is probably tea. People here are lovers of tea. The most common thing is also adding some milk in it and some biscuits cannot be missed as well. Teatime refers to a small meal with consists of a pot of tea with sandwiches and savory snacks to eat. This can be followed by cakes or scones with cream and marmalade or jam. The teatime is usually in the afternoon at five o' clock but in England, any time is teatime. In time, however, there was a competitor to tea in the form of coffee. When it comes to beer, amongst Europeans it has the same reputation as the food but there are a lot of variations of lagers and ales. Famous beer brands are for example Carling, Guinness and Fosters.

Each region has its own typical food. For example, in Northern Ireland is typical Ulster fry, which is something like English cooked breakfast with potato bread and soda farls. Scotland's national dish is Haggis, which consists of chopped lung, heart and liver of sheep, boiled in the sheep's stomach lining. In Wales, there is a traditional vegetable soup flavored with lamb called Cawl. The characteristic of England is Roast beef served with Yorkshire pudding and gravy. Overall, the most traditional dish is Fish and Chips. Well-known is the English breakfast which consists of fried egg, sausage, fried tomato, bacon and maybe with grilled mushrooms and a slide of fried bread. Breakfast is also typically a toast that is traditionally eaten with butter and marmalade or jam made from oranges or lemons. Then, cereals are very popular. Nevertheless, British bread, like tea, is another big theme. There are many types of bread and generally is renowned for its unique style. In most European countries, lunch is the biggest meal of the day, while in the UK it is usually eaten in the evening. However, a typical lunch is more like a snack. It can be a sandwich, a soup with a roll or some salad. Regarding dinner, it usually consists of three courses: hors d'oeuvres (starter), main course and dessert (pudding).

Cooking is very popular in the UK. There are lots of cookery TV shows and cookbooks, which are passed down through families. The British well-known chefs are, for example, James Oliver or Gordon Ramsey.

In the US, due to different states, regions and individual backgrounds, traditional meals can vary. However, traditional meals include for example Apple Pie, a common dessert in the US that is eaten throughout the year. A popular meal is a sandwich with peanut butter and jelly (jam). Then, Twinkies are small cakes with creamy filling. Americans are known for their pancakes style. They are usually eaten for breakfast and can be topped with peanut butter, caramel, fruit and maple syrup which cannot be missed. The most well-known and unique pizza is Chicago-style pizza. Further, a thick and creamy broth with fish or shellfish, potatoes, onions and bacon meal called Clam chowder is the most popular one in New England. Hawaiian dish, Lomi-lomi salmon, can be found at many Hawaiian festivities and it is prepared by mashing the fish with one's fingers. Cajun food comes from Louisiana and it typically consists of fishbased dishes and it is spicy. Next food is popular amongst the black communities. Soul food belongs to an important part of the Southern African-American culture. Simple food and dishes are often based around pork. In the US there are a lot of fast-food restaurants and also ones that offer foreign cuisine. The favorites include burgers, hot dogs, fried chicken, pizza, pancakes and others. For Americans, it is quite common to eat out. Many restaurants are open 24 hours a day.
(Brendlová 1996, Fraus 2008, Fraus 2009, Mountney and Anténe 2018 and Peprník 1927)

### 2.8 People

The British do not feel important as themselves but are rather represented as an important nation. People are aware of their country is well known and well respected throughout the world.

The British can be characterized as not fervently patriotic, the cult of the amateur and prone to running themselves down. They are also known for fair play, sportsmanship and prefer middle ways to expressionism or fanatism. The British represent modesty and understatement rather than being aware of abilities or cleverness. Showing off wealth is considered to be vulgar, so the worst dressed in the room might own huge properties. Gentlemanhood is one of the positive values that can be still found here. In case tourists and visitors get lost people are ready to help. When entering the home, in many families is not entirely usual to remove outdoor shoes. On the occasion of invitation, a bottle of wine or chocolates is a nice gift for the host.

For British people, greetings are often more casual. Casual conversations often start with the most discussed topic is the weather. Topics such as politics or religion are more likely to be discussed between people who have known each other longer or better. Brits keep work, family, and social life separately. The British tend to guard their privacy, it is considered to be a delicate topic.

English humor is very important and popular, and Brits are proud of it. The British are the source of people that know how to laugh at themselves and everybody else. The object of humor is the Prime Minister and also the Queen.

As the main stereotypes can be presented that the Brits are known for special humor, lack of emotion and politeness. Then, they have bad food and serve warm beer. These people are characterized as people who drink a lot of tea and play cricket. Nevertheless, about Brits is also said that they are having bad teeth.
"British stereotypes have been created or reinforced by figures with whom you may be familiar from history, politics, sport or films." (Storry and Childs 1997)

Moreover, Storry and Childs (1997) mention that "British people are often considered to be withdrawn and reserved. Stereotypically, they are supposed to undertake their tasks out of duty, without thought of personal gain. Their aims are understated. They are meant to display characteristics if often deceptive British reserve, as in the stylised images of Hugh Grant or Diana, Princess of Wales. "

On the other hand, there is the figure of the mime 'Mr. Bean', embodied by the actor Rowan Atkinson, depicts a kind of embarrassing national stereotype.

As Christianity is the most professed religion, in the life of Americans plays a large part. On the basis of this, daily life follows a Christian routine. People grace before eating and go to church on Sunday.

In conversations, anything can be talked about, and Americans prefer to talk too much rather than talk too little. Topics such as family, finances or sexuality are socially acceptable ones. They are social and friendly, also warm and open people. They make friends quite quickly. Americans are also willing to invite people to their homes. However, it should be noted, that due to a bad lifestyle and unhealthy food, a significant number of Americans are obese.

The American dream represents their beliefs and it is an important part of their lives. Americans are taught from birth that they can do anything and be anything. With this goes hand-in-hand
the sense of being proud of their accomplishments and their selves. They are great patriots and proud of their country. Moreover, Americans move house more than most Europeans, in line with achieving your dream.
"The American Dream is that dream of a land in which life should be better and richer and fuller for everyone, with opportunity for each according to ability or achievement. It is a difficult dream for the European upper classes to interpret adequately, and too many of us ourselves have grown weary and mistrustful of it. It is not a dream of motor cars and high wages merely, but a dream of social order in which each man and each woman shall be able to attain to the fullest stature of which they are innately capable, and be recognized by others for what they are, regardless of the fortuitous circumstances of birth or position." (James Truslow Adams, The Epic of America, 1931)

Americans are seen as optimists. Their humor is based on a sense of optimism, which again is connected with the reflection on the American dream. In American comedies, everything will turn out fine in the end. In the US are very popular Stand-up comedies.
(Fraus 2008, Fraus 2009, Mountney and Anténe 2018, Storry and Childs 1997)

### 2.9 Media

There are two types of media in the UK, local and national. Even though the local media is mostly free, the national media is still more popular. Broadsheets and Tabloids fall under the newspaper section and represent two different types. Broadsheets are more formal in format, then larger in size and include topics from the field of economy, business or politics. Famous broadsheets are for example The Telegraph, The Guardian and The Times which are the oldest ones. Whereas tabloids are smaller, less formal, contain a lot of pictures and focus on topics such as celebrities or sports. Examples of popular tabloids are The Daily Mail or The Sun. Popular are also magazines, especially among women. Topics such as health, cooking, gardening, DIY, celebrity, fashion, music and hobbies are favored. Well-known women's magazines are Cosmopolitan, Harper's Bazaar, Tatler, Vogue, Hello and OK.

Furthermore, the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) and the Independent Broadcasting Authority (IBA) are licensed services that provide television and radio broadcasting. The world's first public television service in 1936 was made possible by the BBC. There are four standard television channels BBC 1, BBC 2, ITV and Channel 4. It is the same with radio where
are stations Radio 1, Radio 2, Radio 3 and Radio 4. Both broadcasting services can be gained a great picture of British life and culture. TV programs which are so-called soap operas (soaps) are the most popular ones. These are serial dramas based on everyday life. Famous British TV shows are for example Sherlock Holmes, Doctor Who, Mr. Bean, the Great British Bake Off, Downton Abbey and Strictly Come Dancing.

Besides, BBC provides world service as well. Broadcasts are interpreted in other 33 languages around the world. People can rely on the BBC to get the best information. Each day, there are on-air English language programs for 24 hours. The BBC also provides English language learning sites, where programs are available and as podcasts can be downloaded for free.

Similar to the UK, there are two types of media in the US, local and national. There can be national, state-wide or small local are Newspapers, television and websites. Media is usually private. There are about 1500 TV stations. In the US, it is normal for children to watch television from a very young age. The most popular method of getting news is the online news, but television is not far behind. There are three major networks, ABC (American Broadcasting Company), CBS (Columbia Broadcasting System) and NBC (National Broadcasting Company). Nowadays, only around $20 \%$ of Americans get news from newspapers. These numbers include the older generation. To most important magazines belong The New Yorker, Esquire, GQ and Harper's.
(Fraus 2008, Fraus 2009, Mountney and Anténe 2018 and Veselý 1987)

### 2.10 Art

Literature is one of the most famous sorts of art coming from the UK. The Lord of the Rings, Pride and Prejudice, His dark Materials, The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy and Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire belong to the UK's favorite books. The well-known authors are for example Charles Dickens (Oliver Twist), Oscar Wilde (The Picture of Dorian Gray), J.K. Rowling (Harry Potter books), J.R.R Tolkien (The Lord of the Rings), Robert Burns (Poems), Jane Austen (Pride and Prejudice), Roald Dahl (Charlie and the Chocolate Factory), George Orwell (Animal Farm), Lewis Carroll (Alice in Wonderland), and the legendary William Shakespeare, who is the most famous author of all time. In connection with Shakespeare, there is the Globe Theatre in London, which is known for the performances of Shakespeare's plays. Shakespeare's most famous tragedies are Romeo and Julie, Hamlet, King Lear and Macbeth.

Two other literary works should be mentioned as well, the Canterbury Tales written by Geoffrey Chaucer and the most important epic poem Beowulf.

London is the center of theatrical activity. Besides the Globe Theatre, there is another famous theatre in London called West End. Next, in London can be found famous museums such as The British Museum, The Natural History Museum and The Science Museum. There can be found also galleries. In the National Gallery can be seen paintings by almost all the greatest European masters. Another famous gallery is The Tate Gallery which is represented in London by the Tate Modern and Tate Britain Gallery.

The UK is well-known thanks to legendary music bands such as Queen, The Beatles, The Rolling Stones and Radiohead but also thanks to artists such as David Bowie, Elvis Costello and Adele. The up-and-coming bands can get the UK's well-known Mercury prize. There are many festivals of all arts that took place in the UK. Glastonbury, Download, Reading Leeds (rock and popular music), Womad and Straw Bear (folk), The Proms (classical music), Edinburgh Festival (theatre), Edinburgh Fringe (comedy) and the BFI Film Festival (film) are examples of the most famous one. In connection with films, the grandest prize for film and television is the BAFTA award. The most famous films are based on book stories created by UK writers. Some of the examples that were already mentioned by literature are books that were made into films such as The Lord of the Rings, Pride and Prejudice and the Harry Potter series. Other examples are the Bond movies, Atonement or Love Actually. In terms of actors, the famous ones are Christian Bale, Hugh Grant and Ralph Fiennes. From actresses for example Kate Winslet, Emma Watson or Keira Knightley. As the last, there are also some well-known series such as Bridgeton, The Crown or Peaky Blinders.

Notable authors of American literature include Mark Twain (The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn), Ernest Hemingway (The Old Man and the Sea, Nobel Prize), F. Scott Fitzgerald (The Great Gatsby), John Steinbeck (The Grapes of Wrath, Nobel Prize), Edgar Allan Poe (The Raven), Alex Haley (Queen) and Stephen King (The Green Mile). A well-known literature award is the Pulitzer Prize.

The US's most famous and prestigious theatre is called Broadway. The most famous Galleries are the National Gallery of Art in Washington D.C., San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, Art Institute of Chicago, Metropolitan Museum of Art in NY, Guggenheim Museum in NY and the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. Art galleries are often private. Further, the most famous museums are the National 9/11 Memorial \& Museum (NY), National WWII Museum (LA),

Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum (Washington, D.C.), American Museum of Natural History (NY) and the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum (NY).

The third-largest film industry in the world can be found in Los Angeles, California, and its name is Hollywood. It has its sign on top of Mount Lee. The Academy Awards (Oscars) are the most prestigious film awards. The award is presented annually by the American Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. From acting movie stars, samples such as Elisabeth Taylor, Marilyn Monroe, Henry Fonda, Harold Lloyd or Grace Kelly. Later on, Meryl Streep, Johnny Depp, Jennifer Aniston, Leonardo DiCaprio, Angelina Jolie, and Brad Pitt.

From the music industry, the name of jazz legend Louis Armstrong must be mentioned. Music legends from the 40s-70s represent for example Elvis Presley, Bob Dylan, Johnny Cash, Frank Sinatra, Tina Turner, Lisa Minnelli or Diana Ross. Then, music artists from the 80 's such as Michael Jackson, Janet Jackson, Madonna, Whitney Houston or Cher. Recently, from popular artists, there are for example Taylor Swift, Billie Eilish, Katy Perry, Miley Cyrus, Eminem, Justin Bieber, Justin Timberlake and Bruno Mars. There are many festivals of all arts that took place in the US, such as Coachella (music), Tomorrowland (music), SXSW (film \& music), Sundance (film) or San Diego Comic-Con (entertainment). Among significant music bands belong for example Nirvana, Metallica, Linkin Park, Green Day, Bon Jovi, Red Hot Chilli Peppers or Guns N' Roses.
(Fraus 2008, Fraus 2009, Mountney and Anténe 2018)

### 2.11 Leisure

About half of British families have a pet, usually a cat or a dog. Amongst children are also popular fishes, hamsters or birds. Free time is mostly spent at home, by watching television, listening to music or entertaining friends. Besides, British families like to make weekend trips. These trips include places such as parks, museums, stately homes and shopping centers. On the occasion of the long weekend, Britons like to travel to different European destinations. The British also like to spend the weekend by traditional hobbies, for example do-it-yourself, home improvement or gardening. The most popular sports which are organized, taught, trained or participated in are football, golf, cricket and horse riding. Walking in the countryside and cycling are favorite activities as well. A popular game played especially by older women is
called Bingo and this game has also its clubs. An admirable thing is that a lot of people spend their free time working for voluntary organizations.

Americans do not really spend their leisure time by hiking or walking. They rather stay at home, give parties or go to restaurants. People like to watch parades (e.g. Thanksgiving and Veteran's Day) and attend special events (Easter egg-rolling, the cherry blossom festival, kiteflying, rodeos and fiestas). We must not forget to mention Disneyland. Watching games of American football and baseball is a family affair. Other activities which Americans do are bowling, golf clubs, music lessons, volunteer work for charitable purposes, etc.
(Brendlová 1996, Fraus 2008, Fraus 2009, Peprník 1927)

### 2.12 Sport

The national game is called Cricket and likewise, many other games have English origin. Unfortunately, cricket is only played in the UK, Australia, South Africa and some other Commonwealth countries because it has never been adopted in foreign countries. Schools and universities have their own cricket clubs and there are even clubs in towns and villages.

Another favorite sport is Football and there are two types of it. There is Association football (soccer) and Rugby football (rugger). There is a town in the Midlands called Rugby where this game was developed and obviously after which this sport got its name. To understand the difference between football and rugby, it was once said that "football is a gentlemen's game played by hooligans, whereas rugby is a hooligan's game played by gentlemen" (Fraus 2009). In the UK, every large town has at least one professional football club. Into Football League belong professional clubs from England and Wales. These well-known clubs are Manchester United, Chelsea, Arsenal and Liverpool. The top clubs have a lot of foreign players as a part of the team. Among others, football is played in separate teams. There is no single UK or British team but there are teams of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. In comparison with cricket, football is a more popular sport to watch. Famous English football players are for example Alan Shearer, Frank Lampard, Steven Gerrard, Harry Kane, Jamie Vardy and David Beckham.

Moreover, among not-so-popular sports belongs ice hockey. There is also another version of this sport called hockey, sometimes called field hockey, which is played with a ball and hooked sticks. This sport is more played by women than men.

The most popular summer sport is tennis. This sport is mainly popular due to Wimbledon which is a law competition held in London. A lot of people play this sport and there are many tennis clubs and tennis courts to be found. The next popular sport is Golf, which has Scottish origin. On the list of favorite sports of the Royal family belong polo, horse riding and shooting. There is a one-week festival of horse racing called Royal Ascot where the Queen and celebrities are attended. It takes place near Windsor and is held in June.

Popular sports of Americans include for example auto racing, boxing, golf, hunting, fisking, beer pong, track and field.

Among women's sports, the most popular is the WNBA (basketball) and the WNSL (soccer). Then, women do yoga, body-building, aerobics, and some other fitness exercises by watching a video at home.

There is a term 'Big 4' that refers to the four most popular professional sports leagues in the US. First is the National Football League (NFL, American Football). Here compete 32 teams, which are split into 2 conferences, so each team plays 16 games. The winners go on to compete in the Super Bowl, which is the most-watched TV program in the USA. Second is the National Basketball Association (NBA). Here compete 30 teams, in 2 conferences and each team plays 82 games. Third is the Major League Baseball (MLB). Baseball belongs to the most played sport in the US. There are 30 teams in 2 leagues. Per season, 162 games are played. Fourth is the National Hockey League (NHL). In the NHL play 31 teams, also in 2 conferences. Each team plays 82 games per season.

In the US, most high schools and colleges have teams of sports such as baseball, basketball, American football and some others. Sport is a good means to bring people of different backgrounds, races and religions together.

Famous athletes include Tiger Woods, Michael Jordan, Serena Williams, Venus Williams, Kobe Bryant, Tom Brady or Simone Biles.
(Fraus 2008, Fraus 2009, Mountney and Anténe 2018, Veselý 1987)

### 2.13 Customs and traditions

It is known that there are thousands of legends from Britain. The most common ones are Saint George, King Arthur, Robin Hood and Lady Godiva. Saint George was born in Turkey and was
martyred in Palestine. There are stories told about this saint. One legend tells of his slaying of a dragon on a hill at Uffington, which is near to Oxford. Saint George is the patron of the English. King Arthur is considered to be more a mythical figure because many historians question its existence. Even though, there are lots of books and epic poems based on this legend. The famous ones are for example Morte d'Arthur by Sir Thomas Malory, Idylls of the King by Alfred Tennyson and Parsifal by Richard Wagner. This legend is known for its honesty, chivalry and brave behaviour, which was based on a strong Christian moral code. Next, Robin Hood is known as the one who robbed the rich and gave to the poor. This brigand, who lived in Sherwood Forest in the $12^{\text {th }}$ century, is still a popular figure that can be found in books, TV dramas and video games. The last legend to be mentioned is the Lady Godiva. This lady was a noblewoman from the $12^{\text {th }}$ century who rode naked on horseback through the streets of Coventry. It was done as a protest against unfair taxes.

Between typical British symbols belong the monarch, flying the flag, the oak tree, John Bull, the London bus and the red telephone box. Most of the national anthems praise each country itself, but even this country is democratic its inhabitants sing about their Queen. The British flag or Union Jack was already mentioned and described, see chapter 2.1. The oak tree is a symbol due to King Charles II. who thanks to hiding in an oak tree escaped from being captured in exile. From oak were also made ships in the $16^{\text {th }}$ to the $18^{\text {th }}$ century. John Bull was a character portrayed with a bulldog, who represented the nature of a typical Englishman. The Routemaster double-decker bus represents the classic London bus. The first of its type was introduced in 1956. Nowadays, in London are kept a few of them for tourists. In some places, there are traditional red telephone boxes and the red letter (pillar) boxes still preserved. The telephone box was designed in 1924 by Sir Gilbert Scott.

Tradition is firmly linked to this country. Tourists from all over the world have the opportunity to see the Changing of the Guard in London, the Trooping of the Colour or The Lord Mayor's Show.
(Fraus 2009)

### 2.14 Holiday and festivals

## Christmas

Christmas Day is on the $25^{\text {th }}$ December, so the main celebration falls on this day. There is Father Christmas, also known as Santa Claus, who brings gifts. Small presents are put into socks or stockings, that children left at the end of the bed on Christmas Eve. Mostly, the presents found under the tree are opened at breakfast time on December $25^{\text {th }}$. Christmas dinner consists of roast turkey, roast potatoes and vegetables, Christmas pudding, mince pies (pastry filled with a mixture of fruit and nuts) and sweets. Christmas cake is served at tea-time. On the $25^{\text {th }}$ December is a Carol service in church is attended, where Christmas hymns and carol forms are sung. A midnight mass on the $24^{\text {th }}$ December can be attended as well. On the $26^{\text {th }}$ December is also a public holiday and on this day friends and relatives are visited. This day is called Boxing Day.

During the Christmas holidays, houses are covered with Christmas decorations, a Christmas tree with candles and glass baubles is placed in the corner of the front room, and mistletoe with holly (an evergreen with shiny pointed leaves and red berries) cannot be missed too.

Traditionally, the Royal family stays in the Sandringham Castle over the Christmas holidays and on Christmas day at 3 p.m. is the time for the Queen's Christmas Message.

An interesting thing is that Trafalgar Square in London is decorated with a Christmas tree which is an annual gift from Norway.

## New Year's Eve and New Year's Day

On the 31th December people celebrate the coming of the new year. Many people go to Trafalgar square where they sing and dance. It is the eve of the long party. When the chimes of Big Ben strike midnight a Scottish song Auld Lang Syne is sung. In Scotland, is also used the term Hogmanay for New Year's Eve. Of course, the midnight firework must not be missed. On the $1^{\text {st }}$ January, to celebrate the new calendar year. A spectacular party takes place at Times Square in New York.

## St Patrick's Day

This day is a public holiday for Northern Ireland. It is celebrated on $17^{\text {th }}$ March in honour of the saint Patrick who brought Christianity to Ireland and who died on this very day. It is not celebrated just here but elsewhere in the world because this festival is getting popular. People are dressed in clothes of green colour, they drink green drinks and eat green food, and they are dancing and having fun. The symbol of this festival is the green shamrock, which signifies the Holy Trinity. It is celebrated in the USA as well.

## Easter

Easter includes Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day), Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Palm Sunday and Easter Monday. Pancake Day, from the name of the day is clear that on that day pancakes are eaten in large numbers and even pancake races are held. On Good Friday people eat hot cross buns (small, sweet buns with raisins and with a cross shape of sugar icing on top), which can be toasted and eaten with butter. There are special church services held on this day. There is an Egg hunt on Easter Sunday when children look for Easter eggs hidden in the garden by the Easter Bunny. Eggs are the symbol of new life and represent the start of spring. The Easter eggs are not painted eggs but chocolate eggs. Easter Monday is a bank holiday, for many people it is an opportunity to go on some sporting events such as football or horse-racing or to travel to the seaside.

## St Valentine's day

Valentine's Day is very popular. The celebration of it falls on the $14^{\text {th }}$ February. There are sold millions of flowers and chocolates and millions of Valentine cards are sent. It is a day for expression and sharing of love.

## Mother's day

On this day, mothers get flowers, cards or small gifts. Mother's Day falls on the second Sunday in May (Mothering Sunday). This day is celebrated in places all over the world. It is an opportunity to thank, pleased or show love to a mother.

## Father's day

This day falls on the third Sunday in June. This day is celebrated in some places in the world. Similar to Mother's Day, Father's Day is also an opportunity to thank, pleased or show love to father and get gifts from children.

## Guy Fawkes Night

This night falls on the $5^{\text {th }}$ November and is known under the terms such as Guy Fawkes Night, Bonfire Night or Fireworks Night. It is the night of large bonfires and fireworks, which are set off in the terms of recall of failed Gunpowder Plot in the English Parliament in 1605. Its aim was to kill King James I. The assassin was arrested and hanged. In addition, there is a dummy effigy Guy Fawkes made of straw and old clothes that is burnt on a bonfire.

## Thanksgiving Day

There is official federal holiday on the $4^{\text {th }}$ Thursday in November to honour and give thanks for one's blessings.

## The Queen's Birthday

The Queen's official birthday is on the $21^{\text {st }}$ April. However, there is also an "official" birthday of the Queen that is celebrated as well on the second Saturday of June. The birthday held in summer is a public celebration for the nation. The celebration is mostly in London, and it is accompanied by parades and salutes. The Queen meets supporters on this day.

## President's Day

Falls on the $3^{\text {rd }}$ Monday in February in honour of the first US President, George Washington, and all Americans presidents.

## Independence Day

This day is celebrated on the $4^{\text {th }}$ of July to celebrate the founding of the USA.

## Columbus Day

This day falls on $2^{\text {nd }}$ Monday in October to celebrate the discovery of the Americans.

## Martin Luther King Day

Falls on $3^{\text {rd }}$ Monday in January to celebrate the life of the civil rights leader.

## Burns Night

In Scotland, on the $25^{\text {th }}$ of January, the honour is paid to one of the nation's famous historical figures, Robert Burns. It is celebrated with poems of the poet and Burns supper with haggis are served and toasts to the poet are drunk.

## Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day falls on the nearest Sunday to the $11^{\text {th }}$ of November. On this day, the end of the World War I was declared. It is an honour of all who died in world wars or other conflicts. These are remembered with two minutes of silence at 11 a.m. Members of the Government and the armed forces among with the Queen who leads the remembering ceremony in which everyone participates together. Military and civilian survivors are present at the ceremony as well. The remembrance symbol represents the red poppy from Flanders field that is worn on this day. Due to that, this day is also known under the name Poppy Day. However, this day is
also called Armistice Day. In the USA, the day of the victims of war is the last Monday in May (Memorial Day). There is also Veteran's Day on the $2^{\text {nd }}$ Monday in November.

## May Day

In the UK, it is celebrated rather in villages than in cities. On this day, folk and children dance around a maypole and during a dance, they are tying brightly coloured ribbons around it. It falls on the $1^{\text {st }}$ of May of the first Monday of May.

## Halloween

Even it is more an American festival, in this country it is celebrated as well. It is also known under the terms of the Eve of All Saint's Day or All Hallows Day. This festival is associated with ghosts. Halloween takes place on the $31^{\text {st }}$ October and it is the day when people are dressed up in costumes (popular are ghosts and witches). There are played different games such as trying to eat an apple from a bucket of water without using their hands or cutting faces in pumpkins, where then a candle is placed. On Halloween, mostly children go from door to door and ask for sweets or money, it is better to get them some otherwise when children get nothing, they threw eggs or spill flour on the front door. This is called "trick or treat".

On the $1^{\text {st }}$ of November family and friends are remembered in church services.
(Brendlová 1996, Fraus 2009, Mountney and Anténe 2018, Peprník 1927)

## The National Anthem of the UK



The National Anthem of the USA


The Map of the UK


The Map of the USA


Table from the book Foreign Language Teaching in Schools in Europe
'National Summary Tables on Foreign Language Curricula'

CZECH REPUBLIC
Základni skola (') (2) (3) (continued)

|  | Objectives / Contents | Methodology |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Grammatical aspects | - becoming passively familiar with British and American English in different regional variations: only British usage is to be adopted in productive mastery of the language. <br> All lexical fields in the classification are referred to except animals. <br> Reflecting on language <br> The knowledge of a foreign language helps to deepen pupis' understanding of their mother tongue. | Reflecting on language <br> Emphasis on syyisicic norms of expression in the mother tongue when doing transtations |
| Socio-cultural aspects | Knowledge of other cultures <br> First stage <br> Becoming acquainted as appropriate with the life and culture of the countries in the target-language area as well as other, mainly European, countries. Second and third stages <br> Becoming acquainted to a greater extent with socio-cultural aspects of the language area concerned. <br> Understanding people from other cultures <br> Developing a capacity for understanding, tolerance and sincerity through communication in a foreign language. | Knowledge of other cultures <br> Activities: exchange of correspondence with children from other countries. <br> Understanding people from other cultures <br> No explicit information. |
| Cognitive and affective aspects | Fostering independent learning <br> Consolidating the working skills and reflexes needed for the effective mastery of foreign languages in conjunction with other taught subjects (auto-corective skills). <br> Establishing a foundation on which mastery of the target language (and possibly other languages) may be developed through further study. <br> Fostering personality development <br> Contributing to the general development of the personality. <br> Firststage <br> Stimulating the childrens interest in the study of foreign languages and encouraging them to develop a positive attitude to the subject. | Fostering independent learning <br> Activities: preparation for independent reading of more extensive texts. <br> Fostering personality development <br> Language teaching recommendations: the curriculum encourages the teacher to develop the imagination and fantasy of children. |

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| Učební plán pro 2. stupeň - jazykové zaměření |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vzdělávací oblast | Vzdělávací obor vyučovací předměty | Ročník, počet hodin za týden |  |  |  | Předměty celkem hodin týdně | Z toho disponibilnich hodin | Součet hodin za vzděl. oblast |
|  |  | 6. | 7. | 8. | 9. |  |  |  |
| Jazyk a jazyková komunikace | Český jazyk a literatura | 4 | 4 | 4+1 | $3+2$ | 18 | 3 | 43 |
|  | Cizíjazyk | 3 | 3 | $3+1$ | 3 | 13 | 1 |  |
|  | Další cizí jazyk | 0+3 | 0+3 | $3+0$ | $3+0$ | 12 | 6 |  |
| Matematika a její aplikace | Matematika | 4 | 4 | 4+1 | $3+2$ | 18 | 3 | 18 |
| Informatika | Informatika | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Člověk a společnost | Dějepis | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 10 |
|  | Výchova k občanství | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | 3 |  |  |
|  | Finanční gramotnost | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |  |  |
| Člověk a příroda | Fyzika | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 21 |
|  | Chemie | - | - | 1+1 | 1 | 3 |  |  |
|  | Přírodopis | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6 |  |  |
|  | Zeměpis | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6 |  |  |
| Umění a kultura | Hudební výchova | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 9 |
|  | Výtvarná výchova | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |  |  |
| Člověk a zdraví | Výchova ke zdraví | - | - | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 10 |
|  | Tělesná výchova | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 8 |  |  |
| Člověk a svět práce | Pracovní činnosti | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
|  | Volitelné předměty - ostatní | 0+1 | 0+1 | 0+1 | 0+1 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Povinných vyučovacích hodin, z toho disponib. |  | $\begin{gathered} \hline 26+ \\ 4 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 26+ \\ 4 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \hline 26+ \\ 5 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c} \hline 26+ \\ 5 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 122 | 18 |  |

Jazykové zaměření představuje rozšiř̃enou výuku cizích jazykủ - v 6., 7. a 9. ročníku 3 hodiny Cizího jazyka +1 hodina Konverzace v cizím jazyce, v 8 . ročníku 4 hodiny Cizího jazyka +1 hodina Konverzace v cizím jazyce a navíc ještě v 6., 7., 8. a 9. ročníku 3 hodiny Dalšího cizího jazyka podle zájmu (anglický, francouzský, německý, ruský nebo španělský jazyk). Samozřejmě Cizí jazyk se musí lišit od Dalšího cizího jazyka.

| Volitelné předměty - jazykové zaměření |  |  |  |  |
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| Název volitelného předmětu | Ročník, počet hodin za týden |  |  |  |
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## Zařazení předmětủ speciálně pedagogické péče

$V$ případě žáků $s$ přiznanými podpůrnými opatřeními je možné na základě doporučení ŠPZ a stupni podpory využít v IVP disponibilní časovou dotaci k zařazení předmětů speciálně pedagogické péče, např.:

- Logopedická péče
- Řečová výchova (rozvoj verbálních schopností)
- Reedukace specifických poruch učení
- Nácvik studijních strategií
- Rozvoj grafomotorických dovedností
- Rozvoj percepčních dovedností (zrakové, sluchové vnímání, prostorová a pravolevá orientace, vizuomotorika)
- Zdravotní tělesná výchova
- Nácvik sociálně-komunikačních dovedností
- Rozvoj strategií řešení problémú
- Podpora sebekontroly a regulace emocí
- Relaxační techniky
- Trénink pozornosti

Vzdělávací obsah těchto předmětú bude přizpůsoben vzdělávacím možnostem a předpokladủm žáka s přiznanými podpůrnými opatřeními v rámci IVP.

Poznámky ke vzdělávání žákủ se speciálními vzdělávacími potřebami a ke vzdělávání žákủ nadaných a mimořádně nadaných: podrobně viz kapitoly 3.3. a 3.4.

Ve všech ročnících múže být výuka realizována formou školy v prírodě po dobu jednoho týdne ve školním roce.

Vzdělávací obsah vzdělávacích oborů Cizí jazyk a Další cizí jazyk je možné nahradit v nejlepším zájmu žáka s přiznanými podpúrnými opatřeními od třetího stupně dle § 16 odst. 2 pism. b) příslušné vyhlášky jiným vzdělávacím obsahem v rámci IVP.
Vzdělávací obsah vzdělávacího oboru Další cizí jazyk je možné nahradit v nejlepším zájmu žáka-cizince vzdělávacím obsahem vzdělávacího oboru Cizí jazyk.

## ŠVP ZŠ OSTROH

| Předmět: Anglický jazyk |  |  | Ročník:6. |
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| Očekávané výstupy z RVP ZV | Školní výstupy | Učivo | Průřezová témata, mezipředmětové vztahy |
| Poslech s porozuměním <br> Rozumí informacím v jednoduchých poslechových textech, jsou-li pronášeny pomalu a zřetelně. <br> Rozumí obsahu jednoduché a zřetelně vyslovované promluvě či konverzaci, která se týká osvojovaných témat. | Rozumí jednoduchému projevu a konverzaci. <br> Rozumí jednoduchému faktografickému textu k tématu. | Zvuková a grafická podoba jazyka - <br> rozvijení dostatečně srozumitelné výslovnosti a schopnosti rozlišovat sluchem prvky fonologického systému jazyka, slovní a větný přízvuk, intonace, ovládání pravopisu slov osvojené slovní zásoby | MKV - multikulturalita |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Slovní zásoba - |  |
| Mluveni <br> Zeptá se na základní informace a adekvátně reaguje v běžných formálních i neformálních situacích | Dorozumívá se v běžných každodenních situacích: <br> Požádá o službu. | Rozvijení dostačující slovní zásoby k ústní i písemné komunikaci vztahující se k probiraným tematickým okruhům a komunikačním situacím, práce se slovnikem <br> Tematické okruhy - | Xz - zdravý životní styl (6. roč.) |
| Mluví o své rodině, kamarádech, škole, volním čase a dalších osvojovaných tématech | Vyžádá si potřebné informace. <br> Dokáže jednoduchým způsobem popsat své zážitky na dané téma s použitím minulého času. | Domov, rodina, bydlení, škola, volń čas, kultura, sport počasí, přiroda, cestování <br> Mluvnice - |  |
|  |  | Rozvijení použivání gramatických jevů k realizaci komunikačního záměru žáka (jsou tolerovány elementární chyby, které nenarušují smysl sdělení a porozumění) | Umění a kultura - výtvarné zpracování projektů |




| Čteni s porozuměnim | Použivá dvojjazyčný slovnik, vyhledává informaci nebo význam slova. | Mluvnice - |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vyhledává požadované informace <br> v jednoduchých každodenních autentických materiálech. | Plynule čte přiměřeně dlouhé texty. <br> Rozumí jednoduchému faktografickému | Rozvijení použivání gramatických jevů k realizaci komunikačního záměru žáka (jsou tolerovány elementární chyby, které nenarušǔíi smysl sdělení a porozumění) | OSV - dovednosti pro učení, hledání pomoci při |
| Rozumí krátkým a jednoduchým textům, vyhledá v nich požadované informace. | textu k tématu. |  | obtižích, kreativita, organizování práce skupiny, problémy v mezilidských vztazích |
| Vyplní základní údaje o sobě ve formulári. | Píše jednoduché, gramaticky správné věty. |  | VMEGS - Jsme Evropané <br> - Keltové, britské a české |
| Napíše jednoduché texty týkající se jeho samotného, rodiny, školy, volného času a | Rozumí jednoduchému faktografickému textu k tématu. |  | rodiny |
| dalších osvojovaných témat. <br> Reaguje na jednoduché písemné dělení. | Dokáže jednoduchým způsobem popsat své zážitky na dané téma s použitím minulého času. |  |  |
|  | Umí napsat jednoduchý recept, recenzi. |  |  |


| Předmět: Anglický jazyk |  |  | Ročník: 8. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Očekávané výstupy z RVP ZV | Školní výstupy | Učivo | Průřezová témata, mezipředmětové vztahy |
| Poslech s porozuméním <br> Rozumí informacím v jednoduchých poslechových textech, jsou-li pronášeny pomalu a zřetelně. | Rozumí jednoduchému projevu a konverzaci. <br> Rozumí jednoduchému faktografickému textu k tématu. | Zvuková a grafická podoba jazyka - <br> Rozvijení dostatečně srozumitelné výslovnosti a schopnosti rozlišovat sluchem prvky fonologického systému jazyka, slovní a větný přizzuk, intonace, ovládání pravopisu slov osvojené slovní zásoby | Z- 6. Ročník - časová pásma |
| Rozumí obsahu jednoduché a zřetelně vyslovované promluvě či konverzaci, která se týká osvojovaných témat. <br> Mluveni |  | Slovní zásoba - <br> Rozvijení dostačující slovní zásoby k ústní i písemné komunikace vztahující se k probíraným tematický okruhům a | Vz - evakuační zavazadlo (8.roč) |
| Zeptá se na základní informace a adekvátně reaguje v běžných formálních i neformálních situacích | Dokáže mluvit o dopravních možnostech v budoucnosti. | komunikačním situacím, práce se slovnikem | $\begin{aligned} & Z-7 \text {. ročník - zeměpis } \\ & \text { světa } \end{aligned}$ |
| Mluví o své rodině, kamarádech, škole, volním čase a dalšich osvojovaných tématech | Hovoří o tom, co lidé v minulosti dělali, používá časové údaje. | Tematické okruhy - | MKV - etnický původ a multikulturalita |
| Vypráví jednoduchý příběh či událost, popíše osoby, místa a věci ze svého každodenního života | Dokáže doplnit detektivní příčh. | Domov, rodina, bydlení, škola, volný čas, kultura, sport, péče o zdraví, pocity a nálady, stravovací návyky, počasí, príroda a mésto, nákupy a móda, společnost a její problémy, moderní technologie a média, cestování, reálie zemí přislušných jazykových oblastí | OSV - kreativita, mezilidské vztahy |
|  |  |  | VMEGS - jsme Evropané |


| Čteni s porozuménim |  | Mluvnice - <br> Rozvijení a používání gramatických jevů |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vyhledává požadované informace v jednoduchých každodenních autentických materiálech. | Plynule čte přiměřeně dlouhé texty. <br> Rozumí jednoduchému faktografickému textu k tématu. | k realizaci komunikačního záměru žáka (jsou tolerovány elementární chyby, které nenarušují smysl sdělení a porozumění) | Z-8. ročnik Velká Británie |
| Psani |  |  |  |
| Vyplní základní údaje o sobě ve formuláři. | Píše jednoduché, gramaticky správné věty. |  |  |
| Napíse jednoduché texty týkající se jeho samotného, rodiny, školy, volného času a dalších osvojovaných témat. | Dokáže popsat své představy o budoucnosti. |  |  |
| Reaguje na jednoduché písemné dělení. |  |  |  |


| Předmět: Anglický jazyk |  |  | Ročník: 9. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Očekávané výstupy z RVP ZV | Školní výstupy | Učivo | Průřezová témata, mezipředmětové vztahy |
| Poslech s porozuměním <br> Rozumí informacím v jednoduchých poslechových textech, jsou-li pronášny pomalu a zřetelně. <br> Rozumí obsahu jednoduché a zřetelně vyslovované promluvě či konverzaci, která se týká osvojovaných témat. <br> Mluveni <br> Zeptá se na základní informace a adekvátně reaguje v běžných formálních i neformálních situacích <br> Mluví o své rodině, kamarádech, škole, volním čase a dalšich osvojovaných tématech <br> Vypráví jednoduchý přiběh či událost, popiše osoby, místa a věci ze svého každodenního života <br> Čteni s porozuménim <br> Vyhledává požadované informace <br> v jednoduchých každodenních autentických materiálech. <br> Rozumí krátkým a jednoduchým textům, vyhledá v nich požadované informace. <br> Psani <br> Vyplní základní údaje o sobě ve formuláři. Napíše jednoduché texty týkající se jeho samotného, rodiny, školy, volného času a dalšich osvojovaných témat. | Rozumí jednoduchému projevu a konverzaci. <br> Rozumí jednoduchému faktografickému textu k tématu. <br> Rozumí sledu událostí v textu. <br> Vede běžnou každodenní konverzaci o tom, co dokázal a co ještě ne, činí rozhodnutí, odmítá návrhy. <br> Dokáže formulovat stručná pravidla, co musí a nesmí. <br> Plynule čte přimě̌̌eně dlouhé texty. <br> Rozumí jednoduchému faktografickému textu k tématu. <br> Píše jednoduché gramaticky správné věty. | Zvuková a grafická podoba jazyka - <br> Rozvijení dostatečně srozumitelné výslovnosti a schopnosti rozlišovat sluchem prvky fonologického systému jazyka, slovní a větný prízvuk, intonace, ovládání pravopisu slov osvojené slovní zásoby <br> Slovní zásoba - <br> Rozvijení dostačující slovní zásoby k ústní i písemné komunikaci vztahující se k probíraným tematickým okruhủm a komunikačním situacím, práce se slovníkem <br> Tematické okruhy - <br> Domov, rodina, bydlení, škola volný čas, kultura, sport, péče o zdraví, pocity a nálady, stravovací návyky, počasí, příroda a město, nákupy a móda, společnost a její problémy, volba povolání, moderní technologie a média, cestování, reálie zemí přislušných jazykových oblastí <br> Mlunnice - <br> Rozvijení používání gramatických jevů k realizaci komunikačního záměru žáka (jsou tolerovány elementární chyby, které nenarušují smysl sdělení a porozumění) | MV - stavba mediálních sdělení, filmová kritika, fungování a vliv médií ve společnosti <br> VDO - občan, občanská společnost, stát, význam zákonů a pravidel pro fungování společnosti <br> VZ - integrovaný záchranný systém |


| Předmět: Konverzace z anglického jazyka |  |  | Ročník:9. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Očekávané výstupy z RVP ZV | Školní výstupy | Učivo | Průřezová témata, mezipředmětové vztahy |
| POSLECH S POROZUMĚNIM <br> -Rozumí informacím v jednoduchých poslechových textech, jsou-li pronášeny pomalu a zřetelně <br> -Rozumí obsahu jednoduché a zřetelně vyslovované promluvě či konverzaci, která se týká osvojovaných témat <br> MLUVENí <br> -Zapojí se do jednoduchých rozhovorú -Sdělí jednoduchým způsobem základní informace týkající se jeho samotného, rodiny, školy, volného času a dalších osvojovaných témat <br> -Odpovídá na jednoduché otázky týkající se jeho samotného, rodiny, školy, volného času a podobné otázky pokládá <br> ČTENÍ S POROZUMĚNÍM <br> -Vyhledá požadované informace <br> v jednoduchých každodenních autentických materiálech <br> -Rozumí krátkým a jednoduchý textům, vyhledá v nich požadované informace <br> PSANÍ <br> -Vyplní základní údaje o sobě ve formuláři <br> -Napíše jednoduché texty týkající se jeho samotného, rodiny, školy, volného času a dalších osvojovaných témat -Reaguje na jednoduché písemné sdělení | Rozumí jednoduchému projevu a konverzaci <br> Rozumí jednoduchému faktografickému textu k tématu <br> Dorozumívá se v běžných každodenních situacích: <br> Požádá o službu <br> Vyžádá si potřebné informace <br> Dokáže jednoduchým způsobem popsat své zážitky na dané téma s použitím minulého času <br> Umí vyplnit formulář | My family, my friends, family relationship, generation problem <br> Leisure time, hobbies, their importance in our lives <br> My house, my flat, my future home <br> My town, my village, way of life <br> Travelling, means of transport <br> Is your food healthy (food, drinks, faxourite meal, dieting) <br> Sport and games <br> Weather, seasons of the year <br> My school, my future carreer, leasing languages <br> People and culture - theatre, cinema, TV, music, reading |  |


|  | 6. ročník | 7. ročník | 8. ročník | 9. ročník |
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| MULTIKULTURNÍ VÝCHOVA |  |  |  |  |
| Kulturní diference | Z.Hy D. ${ }^{\text {Vo }}$ | Hy.D | Hy.D | Z.Hy, Ri, Vo |
| Lidské vztahy | D.vzovo | D $\mathrm{Ni}^{\text {chici }}$ | D, Vy, $\mathrm{Ni}, \mathrm{V}$ z | D, Ch, Rjovo |
| Etnický původ | Z.Hy, Čjo Yo | Z,D | Z. Pra | Z |
| Multikulturalita | Ad.Hy, Vo | Ad.Hy D.Inf. ${ }^{\text {Vy }}$ | Aidu.Inf.Čj, Yo | Infonjovo. HX |
| Princip sociálniho smíru a solidarity | Vo |  |  |  |
| ENVIRONMENTÁLNÍ VÝCHOVA |  |  |  |  |
| Ekosystémy | Pǐa, Vx | Př |  | Pı̌ayy |
| Základní podmínky života | Foprumz | F | Fazevz | F |
| Lidské aktivity a problémy životního prostředí |  | FoPč.D.Vy | Fach.Př. D.Vy, ${ }^{\text {chi }}$, Vz |  |
| Vztah člověka k prostředí | Př, Ča, Voozevz | F.arcovv | Fochumvy Ty |  |
| MEDIÁLNÍ VÝCHOVA |  |  |  |  |
| RECEPTIVNÍ ČINNOSTI |  |  |  |  |
| Kritické čtení a vnímání mediálních sdělení | Čj, F, M | Čjowam | Či. Ch_D F F M |  |
| Interpretace vztahu mediálních sdělení a reality |  |  | Ch | Chyyy |
| Stavba mediálních sdělení | Čj | Čj ${ }_{\text {c }} \mathrm{Aj}$ | Čj | Čj $\mathrm{A}_{\text {Aj }}$ |
| Vnímání autora mediálních sdělení | Ćj | Ćj | Ćj | Čj, |
| Fungování a vliv médií ve společnosti | Hy Vy. ${ }^{\text {d }}$, Yo |  | Yyovz | D. Aj |
| PRODUKTIVNÍ ČINNOSTI |  |  |  |  |
| Tvorba mediálního sdělení | Yy | $\mathrm{Ni}, \mathrm{Vy}$ | Ni | Inf.Ni, Ri, Vo |
| Práce v realizačním týmu | Aj, TV |  | Yo | Yyovo |

## Dotazník pro žáky

Thesis - Teaching culture in lower secondary school English lessons
Každá země má svoji vlastní kulturu. Představuje napřiklad odlišnosti z oblasti kulturnich tradic nebo způsobu života lidív jiných zemí. Už učením se cizího jazyka vlastně přijímáte jazykovou kulturu dané země. (RVP ZV)

1. Škola
2. Třída
3. Věk
4. Pohlaví
5. Patří angličtina mezi tvůj oblíbený předmět?
6. Kolik je podle tebe anglicky mluvících zemí?
7. Vyjmenuješ některé z nich?
8. Navštívil/a jsi některou z anglicky mluvících zemí? Pokud ano, jakou?
9. Všiml/a sis některého z kulturních příkladů? Pokud ano, jakého?
10. Měl/a jsi příležitost mluvit s rodilým mluvčím?
11. Co se ti vybaví, když se řekne kultura?
12. Poznáváš kulturu cizích zemí rád?
13. Co se ti vybaví, když se řekne Velká Británie?
14. Co se ti vybaví, když se řekne USA?
15. Pochází některý z tvých spolužáků z cizí země?
16. Víš něco o jeho/její kultuře?
17. Kterou z cizí kultur máš rád?

Britskou
Americkou
Žádnou
Jinou:
18. Jaký film/seriál z anglicky mluvících zemí znáš?
19. Jakého hudebního umělce z anglicky mluvících zemí znáš?
20. Jakého herce/herečku z anglicky mluvících zemí znáš?
21. Jakého spisovatele z anglicky mluvících zemí znáš?
22. Jaké další osobnosti z anglicky mluvících zemí znáš? (politici, sportovci, panovníci, ...)

## Questionnaire for teachers

Thesis - Teaching culture in lower secondary school English lessons

Each country has its own culture. It represents, for example, differences in the field of cultural traditions or the way of life of people in other countries. By learning a foreign language, you actually accept the language culture of the country. (RVP ZV)

1. School
2. Gender
3. Age
4. How long have you been teaching English?
5. Which English-speaking countries have you visited?
6. Are you interested in culture?
7. Which culture do you like?
8. What does culture mean to you?
9. Do you like to teach about culture?
10. How often do you have a culture class?
11. Do you consider teaching culture as an important part of the curriculum? (If so, why?)
12. Do you think that it is beneficial for learners? (If so, why?)
13. Do the learners show an interest in culture?
14. How do you include the topic of culture into lessons?
15. Is there something from the field of culture that you put more emphasis on?
16. What kind of methods do you use (techniques, strategies, activities)?
17. What kind of materials do you use?
18. Do you create any of them? (If so, include some examples please.)
19. Which textbooks do you use?
20. Which cultures are presented in that textbooks?
21. How are they presented there?
22. Do you think that the textbooks you use contain enough cultural information?
23. Do you think that textbooks should contain some other cultures than that you mentioned in question 20 ? (If so, which ones and why?)
24. How do you feel about teaching culture at lower secondary school in comparison to what you learned about culture at university?
25. Have you ever taught a learner of a different culture? (If so, which ones?)
26. Does the school include this topic in the curriculum? How?
27. Does your school organize tours to English-speaking countries? (If so, into which ones?)

Chapter 1

| Possible areas for consideration | Possible questions for coursebook analysis |
| :---: | :---: |
| Price and availability | How much does the coursebook cost? Will students have to buy any extra material (workbook, etc)? Are all the components (coursebook, workbook, teacher's guide, audio, etc) available? What about other levels? Is this good value for money? How much does the whole package (with all the components) cos?? |
| Add-ons and extras | Apart from a workbook, what other extras are offered with the course? Are there Internet sites with extra material (exercises, texts, etc), or with 'meeting places' for users? What else does the publisher offer to support the course? What value should we place on the extras that are available? |
| Layout and design | Is the book attractive? Is its design appropriate for (a) the students, and (b) the teacher? Does the design of the book make it easy to follow? |
| Instructions | Are the instructions clear and unambiguous? Are they written in language that the students will understand? Can the coursebook be used by students working on their own, or is a teacher necessary to show them how to use it? |
| Methodology | What kind of teaching and learning does the coursebook promote? Is there a good balance between study and activation? How do the authors appear to think that people learn languages and do we agree with them? |
| Syllabus | Is the syllabus appropriate for our students? Does it cover the language areas (grammar, vocabulary, functions, pronunciation, etc) that we would expect? Do we and our students like the sequencing of language and topics, etc? Does the coursebook build in a feeling of progress? |
| Language skills | Does the coursebook have the appropriate balance of skills? Is the skills work really designed to promote the skills (e.g. writing-for-writing, not writing-for-learning)? Are there possibilities for both study and activation in the skills areas? Are the skills activities likely to engage students? |
| Topics | Does the book contain a variety of topics? On balance, are the topics appropriate for the kind of students who will be using the coursebook? Are the topics likely to engage the students? |
| Cultural appropriacy | Is the material appropriate for the cultural situation that the students are in? Do the texts contain culturally insensitive material? Are the activities appropriate for the learning culture? is the coursebook unprejudiced in the way it deals with different customs, ethnicities, races and sexes? |
| Teacher's guide | Does the coursebook have an accompanying teacher's guide? Is it easy to use? Does it explain things clearly? Does it offer alternatives to the coursebook activities? Does it have all the answers that teachers and students need? Does it provide differentiated activities for fast and slow learners? |

Descriptions into questions: a possible coursebook analysis checklist





| UNIT | VOCABULARY | GRAMMAR | PRONUNCIATION |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| OGet started! page 10 | Classroom objects The alphabet Numbers Dales | there is / there are have got can Present simple |  |
| 0 Sports and games page 14 | Sporte Sports equipment | Adverbs of trequency | /et/ and/az/ |
| 2 Tastes wonderful! page 18 | Cooking and ingredients Food <br> Meats | Present continuous and present simple | The sound/a/ |
| Culture Festivals pagn 32 |  |  |  |
| 3 Great sounds page 24 | Types of music <br> Musical instruments <br> Music worrds that go topether | Whe, don't ite, hale, love + -ing | Email addresses, phone numbers and names |
| 4A true story page 28 | Describing things now + adjective | was/wern: + - ? | Intonation in How ... questions |
| Design and technology | Logos page 32 Review 1 | Units 1-4 page 34 |  |
| 6 Fantastic facts page 36 | Common regular verbs The Great Fire of London | Past simple: regular verbs | Past simple verb endings |
| 6 What a groat lob! page 40 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Work } \\ & \hline \text { Jobs } \end{aligned}$ | Past simple: ?, - | Word atrees |
| Culture Teens at work page 44 |  |  |  |
| 7 Going places page 46 | Holiday activities Holiday expressions | Past simple irmepular verbs | Sounds and spelling |
| BSpecial places page 50 | Contents of a room Activities at home | sameone, anyone, ete: | /s/ $/$ and $/ \mathrm{x}$ / |
| History The history of Sight page 54 Review 2 Units 5-8 page 56 |  |  |  |
| 9 Clothes and fashion page 58 | Clothes Materials | Pronouns and determiners | Words begining with/y, /f, ny |
| 0 Buying things page 62 | Shopping Accessiones | Countable and uncountable nouns <br> some, Any a bit of, a fuw a lot of | Weak forms: $/ 2$ |


| RJADING | LSTENING | SPEAKING | WRTING | VIDEO |
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| Restaurant menus Street food around the world | Booking a restaurant for a party Ordering street food at a lestival | Compare restaurants and choose a restaurant for your party <br> Ask about and order food at a street-food lestival <br> - Get talking! <br> Sure, no problem, Oh no, that's too ... | An advertisement for a party | Street foods |
| Computers and the modern world Did you know ...? facts about computers | Andy talks about his new computer | Compare mobile phones Make true statements Computer survey | An emall | Technology |
| Yes, you can run 5 km in six weeks! | Patients describe their problems and the doctor gives advice Advice about getting fit for a race | Talk about a health problem you had Give advice about health - Get talking! Oh dear, Never mind. | Give advice on a chat page | Health problems |
| Visit Edinburgh | Following directions A visit to Edinburgh | Give directions Talk about visiting cities | Write and understand directions A city guide |  |
| Are they real? | Weather in different parts of the workd The Loch Ness Monster | Talk about the weather Say what you were doing at different times in the past <br> © Get talking! <br> Right, So ... | An article about a strange animal that people have seen |  |
| A lucky day | Gary talks about his animal helper | Tell a story from pictures Say what animale your family has | An emall to a friend | Animals |
| Talont shows | Clyde invites Mina to a concert <br> Sandra and Ben talk about The X Factor | Talk about future plans Talk about talent shows <br> Get talking! <br> Would you like to ...? How about ...? | Write about a TV show you like and describe one of the aclors or winners |  |
| Two reviews | Planning a school magazine A review for a school magazine | Plan a class magazine <br> Tell the story of a film, play or book <br> Get talking! <br> Cooll Sounds good. | A review | Books wo like |
| A different way to learn | Information about the school trip <br> A boarding school | Talk about activities on school trips <br> Ask and answer about what you have to / don't have to do this weekend Give opinions | An article about your perfect school | School life |
| My family tree A really big family | Three young people talk about who they live with | Give information about a member of your family Talk about your family, big families and Mother's Day | A description of your family |  |

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## Famous British people

1 Work with a partner. Look at the pictures of some people who are important to British culture. What do you know about them?

- Name?
- Date of birth? / Which century did he/she live in?
- Why is he/she important?


## William Shakespeare

William Shakespeare was born on April 23rd 1564 and is one of the greatest writers in the history of the world. He wrote 37 plays and over 150 poems. He was very creative - when he did not have the right word, he invented a new one. We still use many of these words today.

John Lennon and Paul McCartney John Lennon and Paul McCartney were born in Liverpool in the early 1940s. They started a band called The Beatles. During the 1960s, The Beatles were the most famous band in the world. Their music was new and exciting, and songs like Hey Jude, Nowhere Man and Love Me Do changed pop music forever.

## Sir Isaac Newton

Isaac Newton was born on December 25th 1643. As a young man, he studied at Cambridge University. In 1687, he wrote one of the most important books in the history of science. It explained how gravity works, and how objects move. He also studied light and invented a new kind of telescope.

## Richard Branson

Richard Branson was born in London in 1950. He did not do well at school. When he left, he started a magazine called Student and then he moved into the music business. Now he owns an airline, a train company and a mobile phone company. Richard Branson loves adventure and he tried four times to be the first person to fly round the world in a hot-air balloon. Now his company Virgin Galactic is planning to take people into space.

## Queen Elizabeth I

Queen Elizabeth I was born in 1533. She was queen from 1558 to 1603 and never married. This was an exciting part of English history. There were new ideas about art and literature, more business, and more travel to new lands. It was the time when England first became an important country in the world.


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## A sample of a lesson plan from teaching practice

## Lesson plan

Lesson: English
School: ZŠ Uherský Ostroh
Mentor: Mgr. Miroslava Gagová
Academic Year: 2021/2022
Lesson Time: 45 min
Topic: Culture
Book: Project 3, Unit 1
Class: 8.B
Teaching aids: Textbook, Workbook, whiteboard
Methods: frontal, individual, partner
Values and terms: culture, families, Britain, house, flat, hometown
Aims: The learner will be able to describe a typical Czech family
The learner will be able to identify how is a typical British family different

| No. | Activity | Time | Task | Materials | Aim |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1. | Introduction | 3 min. | T welcomes Ls and <br> introduces the lesson. | Introduce |  |
| 2. | Video | 4 min. | Ls watch the video | Student's <br> book - <br> Project 3, <br> Unit 1 | To show an <br> example of a <br> British culture |
| 3. | Writing | 6 <br> min. | T asks Ls to write answers <br> for the questions about <br> Czech family | Student's <br> book -Project <br> 3, Unit 1, <br> Exercise <br> book | To practise <br> writing skills |
| 4. | Speaking | 8 min. | Ls present the answers, <br> discussion | Student's <br> book -Project <br> 3, Unit 1 | To practise <br> speaking |
| 5. | Listening | 7 min. | T asks Ls to listen to the <br> recording | Student's <br> book -Project <br> 3, Unit 1 | To practise <br> listening skills |
| 6. | Reading | 15 <br> min. | T asks Ls to read the text <br> one by one and then as <br> well to translate the text | Student's <br> book -Project <br> 3, Unit 1 | To practise <br> reading skills <br> (pronunciation) <br> and translation <br> of a text |
| 7. | Conclusion | 2 min. | T assesses the lesson, sets <br> HW |  | Asses the lesson |

From the book British and American Festivities by Gina D. B. Clemen


From the book The Book of Days by Adrian Wallwork

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## DAY 25 Thanksgiving

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From the book Crossing Cultures by Janet Borsbey and Ruth Swan



## OVER 10 YOU

A. Work in pairs. Decide together which is your favourite international breakfast.

| THE UK | CANADA | INDIA |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| fruit juice <br> cereal <br> toast and jam or marmalade <br> coffee or tea | pancakes <br> maple syrup <br> orange juice <br> coffee or tea | chapatis (flat bread) <br> hot sambar (spicy soup) <br> chutney <br> coffee or tea |

What do you usually have for breakfast?


## Unit 8 Celebrations, beliefs and values

## British celebrations

## TYPE OF

ACTIVITY
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## LEVE:

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## TIME

40-50 minutes

## AIMS

To esplore a rampe ar $\begin{gathered}\text { ention }\end{gathered}$ celitbrations

## VOCABULARY

adut, borlire cindle, card, ceiebrate, decorate, firework, fool, suy. joke, parade, pumpkin

## PREPARATION

One copy of the questioninaire for each learner, One sef of reiding cirds per group of six leamers One photocopy of the workheet for each leamer asy handout.

## Warmer


#### Abstract

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Option i: small group information eachange (suitahie for stromger inarnern)


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## Extension





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## 2 <br> Everyday customs and habits



4 When you have read all the sentences, read through again one by one from the beginning and ask individuals to answer. Write the answers on the board.
thachen Prople say something before they our a meal, What do your think, (learner's name?

LEARNEL They don't say anything here. I think they do in France.
5 Put the class into small groups of three or four. Make sure ther have a clean sheet of paper. Tell them to make a new list of daily habits about their country and/or other countries, five of them true and five of them false, for example:
In Korea people say T'm home', when they enter their home. Here people give lift operators a tip when they get out of a lift.
Go round the class checking and helping if necessary.
6 When all the groups are ready, mix the groups so thut everyone is working with at least one person from another group. Tell the new groups that people should read out their sentences while the others answer True, False, or Maybe. While they do this, go round and check and make a note of the most interesting questions. Make sure that everyone has had a chance to ask and answer some questions.
7 When all the groups have finished, put five of the most interesting questions on the board and discuss the questions with the class, for example:
In the USA young poople need :o show an lidentify card to prove their age when they order an alcoholic drink. Do you think shis is a good idea? ts it a good idea for this country?

Follow-up activity $\quad$ The class can write a short description of some important customs and habits in their country.
6.A

English as a favourite subject


■ Yes ■ No ■ Half-and-half ■ Do not know

Noticing an cultural example


- No - Blank space - Buckingham Palace

Examples of English-speaking countries


Age


- eleven - twelve

- Male - Female

Number of English-speaking countries


$$
■ 4 ■ 60 ■ 65 \square 67 \square 150
$$

Like learning about culture


Culture represents


## Visit of an English-speaking country



$$
■ \text { No }
$$

■ UK

Knowing something about the culture of the foreign classmate


Favourite foreign culture


$$
■ \text { British } ■ \text { American ■ None } \quad \text { Korean }
$$

An opportunity to speak with an native speaker


## Films and Series



- Spiderman
■ Marvel movies
- Harry Potter
- After
- Simpsons
- La La Land
- Pirates of the Caribean - IT
- DC movies
- None


## Speaking about the UK



| $\square$ Buckingham Palace | $\square$ The Royal family | $■$ British |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $■$ Big Ben | $\square$ Big state | $■$ Do not know |

## Speaking about the USA

## Classmate from an foreign country in the class



## Music artists



- Coldplay ■ None ■ Blank space

Other well-know people


Writers


## Actors and Actresses



## 6.B



Gender


English as a favourite subject


Number of English-speaking countries


# Examples of English-speaking countries 



NOTICING AN CULTURAL EXAMPLE


- No


## Culture represents




Visit of an English-speaking country


Speaking about the UK


An opportunity to speak with an native speaker


■ Yes ■ No ■ Do not know

Like learning about culture


Speaking about the USA


- President
- Big country
- A lot of soldiers and weapons ■ Marines
- Hollywood
- Sea
- Navy


## Classmate from an foreign country in the class



Knowing something about the culture of the foreign classmate


- No

Films and Series


| - John Wick (1,2,3) | - Savig game | - Harry Potter | - Home Alone |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Stranger Things | - Avengers | - Spiderman | - Fast and Furious |
| - Friends | - How I met y | - Beethoven | ■ None |

## Favourite foreign culture




## Actors and Actresses



| - Emma Watson $\quad$ Johnny Depp $\quad$ Nicolas Cage | Tom Holland |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| - Scarlett Johansson $\quad$ Millie Bobby Brown - Dwayne Johnson | - Do not know |

Writers


## Other well-known people



## 7.A



- twelve ■ thirteen ■ fourteen

Gender


■ Male ■ Female

English as a favourite subject


Number of English-speaking countries


## Examples of English-speaking countries



## Noticing an cultural example



■ No ■ Yes ■ Do not know ■ No answer

## Visit of an English-speaking country



## Culture represents



| - Craft | - Art | - Sights | - Culture | - History | - Traditions | - Customs | Religion |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Theatre | - Statue | - Painting | - Musical | - Country | - Do not know | - No asnwer |  |

An opportunity to speak with an native speaker


## Speaking about the UK



- State

■ Rich country

- The Queen - London
- Harry Potter Land ■ UK
- Big Ben
- Ireland
- Tea
- Wales
- English
- Blank space

Like learning about culture


■ Yes ■ No ■ No asnwer

Speaking about the USA



## Classmate from an foreign country in the class



Knowing something about the culture of the foreign classmate


- No ■ No asnwer ■ Do not know

Films and Series


| - Batman | - Avengers | - What if | - Friends |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Lucifer | - How I met your mother | - The Big Bang Theory | - Fast and Furious |
| - Harry Potter | - Die Hard | - Gravity Falls | - Enemy at the Gates |
| - Fury | - Pirates of the Caribbean | - Simpsons | - Rick and Morty |
| - SpongeBob | - Men in Black | - Corpse Bride | - None |

## Favourite foreign culture



## Music artists



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| - Ariana Grande | - Lady Gaga | - Selena Gomez | - Rick Astley |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Billie Eilish | - Michael Jackson | - Juice Wild | - Justin Timberlake |
| - Sia | ■ Melanie Martine | - Do not know |  |

## Actors and Actresses



| $\square$ Tom Cruise | $■$ Brad Pitt | $■$ Robert Down Junior - Bud Spencer |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |$\quad$ - Terenc Hill

## Writers



■J.K.Rowling Do not know Jonesbo No asnwer

## Other well-known people



| ■ Elisabeth the second ■ Donald Trump | - Joe Biden | - Elon Musk | - Jeff Bezos |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Bill Gates - Queen Victoria | - Messi | - Do not know |  |



Gender


English as a favourite subject


- Yes ■ No - Half-and-half

Examples of English-speaking countries


Number of English-speaking countries


## Noticing an cultural example



Visit of an English-speaking country


$$
■ \text { No } ■ \text { Yes }
$$

## Culture represents



## An opportunity to speak with an native speaker



- Yes ■ No


## Speaking about the UK



| - The Queen | - England | - London | - Big Ben | - Double Decker Bus |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Tean with milk | - Telephone boxes | - Flag | - Big country | - No answer |

## Like learning about culture



Speaking about the USA


| - USA | - NY | - Flag | - Simpsons | - Las Vegas | Statue of Liberty |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | - KFC | - McD | - Burger King | - English | - No asnwer |

Classmate from an foreign country in the class

$■$ Yes $\quad$ No $\quad$ No answer ■ Do not know

Knowing something about the culture of the foreign classmate


■ No - Yes ■ Do not know

Favourite foreign culture


## Films and Series




## Music artists



| - Juice wrld | - Lovejoy | - Lele pons | - Ed Sheeran | - Justin Bieber | - Dua Lipa | - Francis Scott |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Billie Eilish | - Ariana G | - Eminem | - Avici | - Do not know | - None |  |

## Actors and Actresses



| - Tom Holland - Millie Bobby Brown | - Johnny Depp | - Brad Pitt | - Kiena Reaves |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Arnodl Schwarzeneger $■$ Sylvestr Stelone | - Leonardo DiCaprio | - Do not know | - None |



## Other well-known people



## 8.A

Age


- thirteen - fourteen

Gender


- Male - Female

English as a favourite subject


> - No - Yes

Examples of English-speaking countries


## Number of English-speaking countries



## Visit of an English-speaking country



- No - Yes (UK,Canada)

Noticing an cultural example


- No Yes $\quad$ Halloween, Buckingham Palace, Churches, Driving on the left side,Steering wheel on the left side


## Culture represents



| - Castle | - Churches | - Theatre | - Do not know |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| - Traditions | - History | - Sights | - Paintings space |
| - Food and Drinks - Customs | ■ Fashion |  | - Houses |



## Speaking about the UK



| - English | - Sport | - History | - Big Ben | - Sights |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - London | - Flag | - Tower Bridge | - Buckingham Palace | - The Queen |
| - Monarchy | - Tea | - Big country | - Victorian period | - Geogpraphy |
| - Double-decker Bus | - Drivin | - UK Drill | - Do not know | - Blank space |

Like learning about culture


- Yes ■ No ■ No answer - Half-and-half


## Speaking about the USA



| - Rich people | - Do not know | - USA | - Niagara Falls | - Washin | - Florida |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Sport | - Famous people | - Los Angeles | - English | - Eminem | - Hollywood |
| - Simpsons | - the White House | - Donald Trump | - Joe Biden | - History | - Twin Towers |
| - Eagel | - Actors | - Movies | - Cities | - Money | - Statue of Liberty |
| - Hamburgers | - Flag | - Hockey |  |  |  |

## Classmate from an foreign country in the class



- No

Knowing something about the culture of the foreign classmate


- No No answer


## Favourite foreign culture



Films and Series


| - Simpsons | - Stranger | Enola Holmes | - Harry Potter | - James Bond |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Avengers | - Star Trek | - Deadpool | - Wold War Z | - Conjuring |
| - Riverdale | - Matrix | - Terminator | - Teen Wolf | - Do not know |

## Music artists



| - Avici | - Drake | - Ariana Grande | - Selena Gomez | - The Weekend |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| - Shawn Mendes | - Do not know | - No answer | - Eminem | - Travis Scott |
| - Juice World | - Blueface | ■ Michael Jackson |  |  |

## Actors and Actresses

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Leonardo DiCaprio | - Emma Watson | - Millie Bobby B | Noah Schnapp | - Zac Effron |
| - Shelley Henning | - Dylan O'Brian | - Cody Christian | - Sadie Sink | - Brad Pitt |
| - Johny Lins | - Dwayne Johnson | - Johnny Depp | - Adam Sandler | - Tom Holland |
| - Fin Wolfhard | - Juice World | - Charlie Cheplin | - Daniel Craig | - Ross Lynch |
| - Lili Renhart | - Do not know |  |  |  |

## Writers


$■$ J.K.Rowling ■ Do not know ■ Jacqueline Wilson $\quad$ No answer

## Other well-known people



| - Messi | - Matt Groening | - Joe Biden | - Balt | - Kobe Briant |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Elisabeth the second | - Cromwell | - Donald Trump | - Barack Obama | - Hughes |
| - Mathews | - Eichel | - Lebron James | - Michael Jordan | - Winston Churchill |
| - James Charles | - Do not know |  |  |  |

## 8.B



Gender


- Male - Female

English as a favourite subject


- Yes ■ No


## Number of English-speaking countries



## Examples of English-speaking countries



Noticing an cultural example


- No

Visit of an English-speaking country


- No


## Speaking about the UK



| - No answer | - London | - Red Double-decker B | - Telephone boxes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Big Ben | - English | - Rainy weather | - the Queen |
| - Tower Bridge | - The Crown | - Peaky Blinders | - Tea |
| - Biscuits | - Knights | - Fashion | - Actors |
| - Singers | - Flag | - Guards of the Palace |  |

## Culture represents



■ Sights ■ Castles ■ Churches ■ Customs ■ Buildings ■ Works of Art ■ Food ■ No asnwer ■ Do not know

An opportunity to speak with an native speaker


- Yes ■ No

Like learning about culture


Speaking about the USA


| $\square$ NY | $■$ No answer |
| :--- | :--- |
| $■$ Donald Trump | $■$ Joe Biden |
| $■$ Actors | $■$ Flag |
| $\square$ American cars | $■$ Celebrities |
| $\square$ The White House | $■$ George Washington |


| $■$ USA | $■$ Do not know |
| :--- | :--- |
| $■$ Movies and Series | $■$ Los Angeles |
| $■$ Hamburgers | $■$ Fast Food |
| $■$ Eagel | $■$ McDonald |
| $■ 4.7 .1776$ (Independence Day) |  |

## Classmate from an foreign country in the class



- No


## Knowing something about the culture of the foreign classmate



Favourite foreign culture


Films and Series

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Do not know | - No asnwer | - Two and a half ma | - The Crown | - Step by Step |
| - Stranger Things | - Futurama | - Harry Potter | - Mission impossible | - Godzilla |
| - King Kong | - Mad Max | - Pacific Rim | - Fast and Furious | - Friends |
| - Ginny and Georgia | - Dance Moms | - John Wick | - Transformers | - Terminator |
| - James Bond | - Simpsons | - Avengers movies | - Peaky Blinders | - Marvel movies |
| - Jurassic Park | - Winnie-the-Po |  |  |  |

## Music artists



| - None | - No asnwer | - Harry Styles | - Zayn Malik | - Luis Tomlinson |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Liam Payn | - Niall Horan | - Brian Adams | - ACDC | - Iron Maiden |
| - Selena Gomez | - Ariana Grande | - Taylor Swift | - John Lenon | - Adele |

## Actors and Actresses



| - Charlie Sheen | - Do not know | - No answer | - Tom Hardy | - Tom Holland |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Tom Felton | - Johnny Depp | - Scarlett Johansson | - Meryl Streep | - Emma Watson |
| - Chris Evans | - Chris Hemsworth | - Robert Downey Jun | - Sylvestr Stelone | - Will Smith |

## Writers



■J.K.Rowling ■ No answer ■ None

## Other well-known people



| - No answer | - Donald Trump |
| :--- | :--- |
| - The Royal family | - Barack Obama |
| - Ronie Coleman | - Dwayne Johnson |

[^8]- the King Richard I.

Age


- Fourteen ■ Fifteen

Gender


- Male - Female

English as a favourite subject

$■$ No ■ Yes

Noticing an cultural example


■ No answer ■ No

## Examples of English-speaking countries

| - UK | - USA | - Botswana | - Indie |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Canada | - Australia | - Ireland | - Island |
| - New Zeeland | - Papua New Guinea | - Republic of South Africa |  |

Number of English-speaking countries


## Visit of an English-speaking country



- No


## Culture represents



| - Palaces | - Theatre | - Castles | - Race |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Folklore | - Art | - Movies | - Traditions |
| - Sights | - History | - Do not know | - No answer |

An opportunity to speak with an native speaker

No Do not know - Yes

## Like learning about culture



## Speaking about the UK



| - London | - Tea | - Flag | - Driving on the left side |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - The Queen | - London Eye | - Buckingham Palace | - Big Ben |
| - River Thames | - Tower Bridge | - Tom Hiddleston | - Do not know |

Speaking about the USA


| - Friend from C |  | - The White House | - Washington D.C. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - 50 States | - Hollywood | - Statue of Liberty | - Shops |
| - Do not know | - No answer | - Shooting |  |

## Classmate from an foreign country in the class


$■$ No ■Yes

Knowing something about the culture of the foreign classmate


## Favourite foreign culture



## Films and Series



- Julie and Phantoms
- Stranger Things
- Riverdale
- Simpsons
- Kissing Both
- Too hot to handle
- What if
- Harry Potter
- Outer Banks
- Transporter
- Twillight
- American Horror Story
- Futurama
- Pirates of the Caribbean
- Marvel movies (Joker, Iron Man, Loki, Captain America,...)
- Souths Pakr
- Men in Black
- After
- No answer
- 

| - One Direction | - Shakira | - Harry Styles | - Katy Perry | - Louis Tomlinson - Eminem |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Lady Gaga | - No answer | - None | - Billie Eilish | - Ariana Grande - Ed Sheera |

Actors and Actresses


- Cameron Boyce
- Leonardo DiCaprio
- Rowan Atkinson
- Mark Rufalo
- Ryan Reynolds
- Will Smith
- Adam Sendler
- Angelina Jolie
- Tom Holland
- Robert Downey Junior
- Stan Lee
- Chris Hemsworth
- Kyllie Jenner
- No answer
- Emma Watson
- Chris Evans
- Johnny Depp
- Scarlett Johansson
- Brad Pitt
- Dwayne Johnson
- Do not know
- Sebastian Stan
- Tom Hiddleston
- Chris Pratt
- Elisabeth Olsen
- Keanu Reeves
- Jim Cavry

Writers


- J.K.Rowling Anna Todd Do not know No answer


## Other well-known people



| - Donald Trump | - Usain Bolt | - The Queen Elisabeth II. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Joe Biden | - Gordon Reneery | - Barack Obama |
| - Tommy Innit | - Wilbur Soot | - Do not know |

## 9.B



Gender


- Male - Female

English as a favourite subject


$$
■ \text { Yes } ■ \text { No } ■ \text { Half-and-half }
$$

Number of English-speaking countries


$$
■ 60-65-67-69
$$

## Examples of English-speaking countries

| - UK | - USA | - New Quinea | - Australia | - Canada | - New Ze | - Scotland | - Malta |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Caribbean | - Jamajca | - Barbados | - Philippines | - India | - Malaysia | - Tasmania | - Brazil |
| - Mexico | - Island | - Africa | - Singapur | - Ireland | - Asia | - Pakistan | - Nigeria |

Visit of an English-speaking country


$$
■ \text { No } ■ \text { Yes }
$$

## Noticing an cultural example



## Culture represents



- Muzeum
- Music
- History
- Traditions
- Religion
- Sights
- Education
- Cinema
- Customs
- Feasts
- Theatre
- Drinks
- Something that is specific for each country

An opportunity to speak with an native speaker


■ Yes ■ No ■ No asnwer

Like learning about culture


Speaking about the UK


| - English | - England | - Big Ben | - People |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - London Eye | - Double-decker Bus | - London | - Buckingham Palace |
| - Tower Bridge | - The Queen | - Big coun |  |

## Speaking about the USA



| - Waffles | - Donald Trump | - Big country | - America |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Fast Food | - McDonald | - Hamburgers | - Money (Dollar) |
| - Skyscrapers | - NY | - Hollywood | - Washington D.C. |
| - The White House | - Statue of Liberty | - Food and Drinks (Bars) | - Earthquake and Tornado |

## Classmate from an foreign country in the class



Knowing something about the culture of the foreign classmate


Films and Series


| - The Great Gatsby | - 13 Reasons Why | - The Walking Dead | - Pirates of the Caribbean |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Stranger Things | - Two and a half man | - Harry Potter | - Euphoria |
| - The academy umbrella | - TVD | - Marvel movies | - The Vampire Diaries |
| - The Boy | - Friends | - The hundred | - Riverdale |
| - Sex Education | - Simpsons | - Fast and Furious | - Avengers |

## Favourite foreign culture

## Music artists



Actors and Actresses


| - Charlie Sheen | - Brad Pitt | - Emma Watson | - Angelina Jolie |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Robert Downe | - Jennifer Aniston | - Vin Diesel | - Nina Doubrev |
| - Tom Holland | - Ian Somerhalder | - Dwayne Johnson | - Johnny Depp |

Writers


■J.K.Rowling ■ Jeff Kinney ■ None ■ Kiera Cass ■ Charles Dickens ■ Rachel Renné Russel

## Other well-known people



| - None | - Crosby | - Usain Bolt | - Messi | - The Queen Elisabeth II. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Donald Trump | - Kim Kardashian | - David Buckham | - Kyllie Jenner | - Kendall Jenner |
| - Joe Biden | - Lebron | - Mc David | - Tavares | - Mount |
| - Foden | - Maguire | - Kane | - Grealish |  |

6.A

Age


■ eleven

- twelve

Gender


- Male - Female

English as a favourite subject


Number of English-speaking countries


# Examples of English-speaking countries 



An opportunity to speak with an native speaker


- Yes


## Noticing an cultural example



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## Culture represents

```
\(■\) Sights ■ Food ■ Fashion ■ Traditions ■ Customs ■ Feasts ■ Museum ■ Concerts ■ Theatres ■ Cinema ■ Music
```


## Speaking about the UK



- The Queen
- Flag
- Harry Kane
- Rain
- English Breakfast

| - London | - Football players Sterling - Brexit |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Food | - English | - Big Ben |
| - Double-Decker Buses | - England | - Tea |
| - British | - Buckingham Palace | - State |
| - Do not know | - Buildings | - A lot of shops |

Like learning about culture


## Speaking about the USA



| - Joe Biden | - Donald Trump | - Santa | - No answer | - American sweets |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Doughnuts | - USA | - John Morganek | - Big cities | - Action films |
| - Famous people | - Hamburgers | - A lot of shops | - Army | - Airport |
| - Texas | - SWAT | - NASA | - Film shooting |  |

Classmate from an foreign country in the class


- Yes

Knowing something about the culture of the foreign classmate


Favourite foreign culture


■ American ■ None ■ Different

## Films and Series



- Home Alone
- Harry Potter
- Stranger Things
- The Big Bang Theory
- Peaky Blinders
- Grinch
- The Kisssing Both
- Fast and Furious
- The Middle
- Marvel movies
- Star Wars
- Friends
- Friday 13th
- Teen Wolf


## Music artists


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| - Travy Scott | - Lady Gaga | - Billie Eilish | - None | - Imagine D | Ed Sheeran |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Ariana Grande | - Aurora | - Dua Lipa | - Eminem | - Taylor Swift | - Katty Perry |
| - John Lewis | - Lil Peep | - Cold Hart | - Justin Bieber | - No answer |  |

## Actors and Actresses



## Other well-known people



| ■ Donald Trump | ■ None | No answer |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\square$ Joe Biden | ■ Do not know | - Michael Jordan |$\quad$ - Harry Kane

- eleven ■ twelve

Gender


- Male - Female


## English as a favourite subject



$$
■ \text { Yes } \square \text { No } \square \text { A bit } \quad \text { Not really }
$$

Number of English-speaking countries


## Noticing an cultural example



- No ■ No answer - Do not know - Yes (Music, Food, Fashion, Architecture, Big Ben)


## Visit of an English-speaking country



Examples of English-speaking countries


An opportunity to speak with an native speaker


$$
■ \text { Yes } ■ \text { No }
$$

## Like learning about culture



■ Yes ■ A bit ■ Do not know ■ No answer ■ No

Culture represents



## Speaking about the UK



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| - State | - GB |
| :---: | :---: |
| - Island | - Top Gear |
| - Big Ben | - The Queen |
| - The Royal family | - Harry Potter |


| - London | - Buildings |
| :---: | :---: |
| - Rain | - Events |
| - Black tea with milk | - Corgi dogs |
| - London Eye | - Double-Decker Buses |

## Speaking about the USA



| - Joe Biden | - Donald Trump | - Statue of Liberty | - Do not know |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - State | - USA | - Hamburgers | - Halloween |
| - The White House | - Chevrolet Corvete | - Fast Food | - Weapons |
| - Freedom | - Wars | - Las Vegas | - Relative |
| - English | - Old cars | - No answer | - Tesla |
| - Flag | - Disneyland | - Coca-cola | - Shape of the continent |

## Classmate from an foreign country in the class



- Yes
- No

Knowing something about the culture of the foreign classmate


Films and Series

| - Simpsons | - The Middle | - Harry Potter | - The Middle |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Home Alone | - Grinch | - James Bond | - The Big Bang Theory |
| - Le Mans 66 | - Friends | - Lost in space | - Top Gear |
| - Rust bros restores | - John Wick | - Pirates of the Caribbean | - Lucifer |
| - Enola Holmes | - Outer Banks | - Emily in Paris | - To all the boys |
| - Tall girl | - After | - Love before | - Mr. Bean |
| - Star Wars | - The Lord of the Rings | - K.C. Undercover | - Two and a half man |
| - How I met your mother | - Stranger Things | - H 2 O | - The umbrella academy |
| - Squit game | - Back to the Future |  |  |

## Favourite foreign culture




## Actors and Actresses



| - Emma Watson | - None | - Madeline Cline | - Millie Bobby Brown | - Daniel Radcliffe |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Rupert Grint | - Robert Downe | - Tom Holland | - John Etkinson | - Kean Reeves |
| - Daniel Craig | - Jean Conner | - Johnny Depp | - Kiera Knightley | - Brad Pitt |
| - Aidan Gallagher | - Pierce Brosner | - Robert Pattinson | - Scarlett Johansson | - Tom Felton |
| - Bonnie Writh | - Vin Diesel | - Paul Walker | - Dwayne Johnson |  |

## Writers



■J.K.Rowling ■ Kiera Cass ■ Jeff Kenney ■ No answer ■ David Williams ■ Do not know ■ John Flanagan ■ None

## Other well-known people



| - Donald Trump | - No answer | - Charlie Damelio | - Joe Biden |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - The Queen Elisabeth II. | - Prince Philip | - Avani | - Boris Johnson |
| - Princess Diana | - Henry Ford | - Mr. Beast | - Kenedy |
| - Serena Williams | - Baxtrix | - G.Washington | - Kylie Jenner |
| - Kim Kardashian | - Kendal Jenner | - Kloe Kardashian | - Kourtney Kardashian |

## 7.A



Gender


English as a favourite subject


- Yes ■ No ■ Half-and-half ■ Not really

Number of English-speaking countries


# Examples of English-speaking countries 



## Noticing an cultural example



Culture represents


| - Traditions | - Paintings | - Customs | - Do not know |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Culture | - Sights | - History | - Behaviour |
| - Religion | - Literature | - Theatre | - Food |
| - Art | - Dance | - Cuisine | - People |
| - Cinema | - Museum | - The White House | - Music |
| - Architecture | - Language | - Different styles of houses - Buildings |  |
| - Word | - Events |  |  |

An opportunity to speak with an native speaker


- Yes ■ No

Like learning about culture


## Speaking about the UK



| - Cold | - St. Patrick Day | - London | - Do not know | - State |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - The Royal family | - Rain | - Buckingham Palace | - Lochness Lake | - The Queen |
| - English | - England | - Wales | - Scotland | - The Royal Guard |
| - Tower Bridge | - History | - Island | - Corgi dogs | - Big Ben |
| - Fish and Chips | - Tea | - Red Telephone Boxe | - Flag |  |



## Classmate from an foreign country in the class



Knowing something about the culture of the foreign classmate


Favourite foreign culture


## Films and Series

|  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - The Witcher | - The Crown | - Extra | - Forest Gump |
| - Harry Potter | - Marvel movies | - Pirates of the | - Riverdale |
| - Hunger Games | - Teen Wolf | - Transformers | - Madagaskar |
| - Do not know | - Cold Case | - Simpsons | - The Lord of the Rings |
| - Friends | - Outer Banks | - Bridgeton | - How I met your mother |
| - Stranger Things | - Jaws | - Squid Game | - Fear Street |
| - La casa Depapel | - The Big Bang Theory | - Twillight | - Avengers |



| - Do not know | - None | - Billie Eilish | - Michael Jackson | - Ariana Grande |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Olivia Rodrigo | - Amadeus Moza | - Justin Bieber | - Jojo Siwa | - Adele |
| - Beatles | - John Lennon | - Ed Sheeran | - Harry Styles | - Katy Perry |
| - No answer | - Dua Lipa | - Abba | - Freddie Mercury |  |

## Actors and Actresses



| - Dylan O'Brien | - None | - Benjamin Wadsworth | - Johnny Depp |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Dwayne Johnson | - Jennifer Aniston | - Millie Bobby Brown | - Finn Wolfhard |
| - Daniel Radcliffe | - Tom Hardy | - Lily James | - Angelina Jolie |
| - Penelope Cruz | - Emma Watson | - Tom Holland | - Noah Shnapp |
| - Dove Cameron | - Robert Pattinson | - Kristen Steward | - Sofia Carson |
| - Cameron Boice | - No answer | - Robin Williams | - Helena Bonham Carter |
| - Margot Robbie | - Brad Pitt | - Vin Diesel | - Paul Walker |
| - Tom Hanks | - Keanu Reeves | - Nicolas Cage | - Vanessa Morgan |

Writers


| $\square$ J.K.Rowling | - Stephen Kings | - Roald Dahl | - No answer - David Williams |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Do not know | - John Flanagan | - None | - William Shakespeare - Tolkien |
| - Lewis | - Charles Dickens | - Jane Austen |  |

Other well-known people


| - None | - The Queen Elisabeth II. | - Mark Lewis-Francis | - David Cameron |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Boris Johnson | - Arnold Schwarzenegger | - Joe Biden | - Lebron James |
| - Donald Trump | - Barack Obama | - Abraham Lincoln | - Michael Jordan |
| - Bill Gates | - Mark Zuckerberg | - Jeff Elon Musk | - Bezosi |
| - Bob Ross | - The King Richard VIII. | - Christiano Ronaldo | - John Kennedy |
| - George Washington | - Rudy Gobert | - Messi | - No answer |
| - Noah Shnapp | - Dwayne Johnson | - Justin Bieber | - Leonardo DiCaprio |

- The Queen Elisabeth I.

Age


■ Twelve ■ Thirteen
Gender


■ Male $\quad$ Female

English as a favourite subject


- Yes ■ No ■ Half-and-half

Number of English-speaking countries


## Examples of English-speaking countries

$$
\square \text { No }
$$

- Yes (UK)

Noticing an cultural example


- No

An opportunity to speak with an native speaker


- Yes


## Culture represents

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Traditions | - Paintings | - Customs | - Do not kn | - Culture | - Sights | - History |
| - People | - Religion | - Literature | - Theatre | - Food | - Art | - Cinema |
| - Museum | - Music | - Architectu | - Language | - Buildin | - Events |  |

Like learning about culture


$$
■ \text { Yes } ■ \text { Do not know } ■ \text { No }
$$

## Speaking about the UK



| - Cold | - London | - Do not know | - State | - The Royal family |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Rain | - Buckingham Palace | - The Queen | - English | - England |
| - Tower Bridge | - History | - Island | - Big Ben | - Fish and Chips |
| - Tea | - Red Telephone Boxe | - Flag |  |  |

## Speaking about the USA

|  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Joe Biden | - Donald Trump | - Statue of Liberty | - Food |
| - Celebrities | - The White House | - Flag | - Thanksgiving |
| - Styles of Houses | - The Golden Gate | - English | - USA |
| - NY | - No asnwer | - Shops | - Doughnuts |
| - Fast Food | - Simpsons | - Coca-Cola | - Hamburgers |
| - NHL |  |  |  |

## Classmate from an foreign country in the class



Knowing something about the culture of the foreign classmate


Films and Series


Favourite foreign culture



| - Do not know | - None | - Billie Eilish | - Michael Jackson | - Ariana Grande |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Justin Bieber | - Adele | - Beatles | - John Lennon | - Ed Sheeran |
| - Harry Styles | - Katy Perry | - No answer | - Dua Lipa | - Taylor Swift |
| - Alan Walker | - Imagine Dr | - Maroon 5 | - Martin Garrix |  |

## Actors and Actresses



| - None | - Johnny Depp | - Dwayne Johnson | - Jennifer Aniston | - Millie Bobby Brown |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Daniel Radcliffe | - Tom Hardy | - Lily James | - Angelina Jolie | - Emma Watson |
| - Tom Holland | - Noah Shnapp | - Robert Pattinson | - Kristen Steward | - No answer |
| - Margot Robbie | - Brad Pitt | - Vin Diesel | - Paul Walker | - Tom Hanks |
| - Keanu Reeves | - Nicolas Cage | - Adam Sendler | - Jennifer Lawrence |  |

Writers


Other well-known people


| - None | - Boris Johnson | - Joe Biden | - Lebron James | - Donald Trump |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Barack Obama | - Michael Jordan | - Bill Gates | - Mark Zuckerberg | - Christiano Ronaldo |
| - John Kennedy | - George Washington | - Rudy Gobert | - Messi | - No answer |
| - Noah Shnapp | - The Queen Elisabeth | - The Royal Fam |  |  |

## 8.A

Age


- Twelve ■ Thirteen ■ Fourteen

Gender


■ Male ■ Female ■ Do not want to mention

English as a favourite subject


Number of English-speaking countries


## Examples of English-speaking countries



Visit of an English-speaking country


- No - Yes (UK)

Noticing an cultural example


## Culture represents



| - No answer | - Do not know | - Sights | - Past | - Customs |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Some typical things | - Books | - Culture of history | - Fashion | - Music |
| - Dance | - Something boring | - Tea with milk | - Country | - Streets |
| - Everything | - Art | - Way of Life | - Food |  |

Speaking about the UK


| - No answer | - Tower Bridge | - London | - Double-Decker | - Grandma |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Cambridge | - Tea | - Weather | - English | - The Queen |
| - Big Ben | - Harry Potter | - Food | - Asscent | - Currency |
| - Peaky Blinders | - England | - Scotland | - A lot of Sights |  |

An opportunity to speak with an native speaker


## Speaking about the USA



| - No answer | - Weapons | - Fast Food | - Sights | - Films |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Hollywood | - English | - 'Perfect Life' | - Gangs | - Hamburgers |
| - Simpsons | - Music | - Food | - Big Buildings | - Fat police-officers |
| - USA | - Pop smoke | - Rich people | - Almost everything | - Nice and rich country |
| - Hot | - Statue of Liberty | - States | - Flag | - Joe Biden |
| - Donald Trump | - Elections | - Money | - Doughnuts | - Walk of Fame |

Classmate from an foreign country in the class


Knowing something about the culture of the foreign classmate


Films and Series

|  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - No answer | - The Big Bang Theory | - All of them | - Harry Potter |
| - None | - Ginny and Georgia | - Home Alone | - Stranger Things |
| - Twillight | - Iron Man | - A lot of them | - Lucifer |
| - Gilmore Girls | - Friends | - Simpsons | - Spiderman |
| - Summer Camp | - Nightmare before X-m | - He's all that | - I do not watch any |
| - Hubie Halloween | - The Chronicles of Nar |  |  |

## Favourite foreign culture



| - Ed Sheeran | - None | - Dadaby | - No asnwer | - Billie Eilish | - Imagine Dragons |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Glass Animals | - Harry Styles | - John Lennon | - Robbie Williams | - Lady Gaga | - Do not know |
| - Axi Rose | - Adele | - George Ezra | - Olivia Rodrigo | - Pop smoke | - Post Malone |
| - Rick Astley | - XXXtentacion | - Yungblud | - A lot of them |  |  |

## Actors and Actresses



## Writers



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| $\square$ J.K.Rowling | $\square$ Roald Dahl |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\square$ None | $\square$ Do not read | $\square$ Do not remember $■$ Brothers Grimm |

## Other well-know people

|  | $1 \begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 1 \end{array}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Donald Trump | - No answer | - Boris Johnson | - None |
| - The Queen Elisabeth II. | - Actors | - The Teacher Mabbet | - The King Richard III. |
| - Michael Jordan | - Johnny Sins | - Neil Armstrong | - Oliver Cromwell |
| - Christiano Ronaldo | - Joe Biden | - Do not know |  |

Age


- Thirteen - Fourteen

Gender


■ Male ■ Female

English as a favourite subject


- Yes ■ No ■ Depends

Number of English-speaking countries


## Examples of English-speaking countries



Visit of an English-speaking country


Noticing an cultural example


■ No ■ Religion ■ Specific Houses ■ Sights

## Culture represents



| - Art | - Food | - Language | - Religion |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Buildings | - Music | - Sights | - People |
| - History | - Different st | - Traditions | - Customs |
| - Literature | - Education | - Theatre | - Museum |
| - Mentality | - Fashion |  |  |

## Speaking about the UK



■The Queen ■ Specific Buildings ■ Piccadilly Circus ■ London ■ The Royal Family ■ Brexit ■ Football ■ Rain ■ Cold

An opportunity to speak with an native speaker


- Yes ■ No

Like learning about culture


- Yes ■ Not really


## Speaking about the USA



- Slaves
- A lot of nations and cultures
- The Statue of Liberty
- American Dream
- Obesity
- Hot
- Colonies
- Dirty cities
- Barack Obama
- Money
- NY
- Diversity

Classmate from an foreign country in the class


## Knowing something about the culture of the foreign classmate



- No

Favourite foreign culture


- American ■ British ■ Different one


## Films and Series

|  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Spiderman | - The end of fucking world | Cobra Kai | - Stranger Things |
| - The good doctor | - I am not okay with this | - Do not know | - Harry Potter |
| - Riverdale | - Hunger Games | - Teen Wolf | - Transformers |
| - Pirates of the Caribbean | - Marvel movies | - Friends | - Pretty Woman |
| - A lot of them | - Vampire Diaries | - After | - Peaky Blinders |
| - The Holliday |  |  |  |

## Music artists



| - Adele | - There is a lot of th | - Ed Sheeran | - Harry Styles | - Billie Eilish |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Justin Bieber | - Amadeus Mozart | - One Direction | - Miley Cyrus | - Lindsey Stirling |
| - Lady Gaga | - Taylor Swift | - John Lennon | - Elton John | - Dua Lipa |

## Actors and Actresses

|  | 2-11 | $121$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Vanessa Morgan | ■ Timothée Chalamet | - Robin Williams | - Helena Bonham Carter |
| - Margot Robbie | - Brad Pitt | - Millie Bobby Brown | - Finn Wolhard |
| - Noah Schnapp | - Freddie Highmore | - Johnny Depp | - Dylan O'brien |
| - Benjamin Wadsworth | - Dwayne Johnson | - Angelina Jolie | - Jennifer Aniston |
| - Tom Holland | - Tom Hanks | - Leonardo DiCaprio | - Steven Segal |
| - Christopher Lee | - Emma Watson |  |  |

## Writers

| - Charles Dickens | - William Shakes | - J.K. Rowling | - Do not know |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Edgar Allan Poe | - George Orwell | - Do not read | - Do not remember |
| - Brothers Grimm | - Mozart | - Stephen Kings |  |

## Other well-known people

|  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - The Queen Elisabeth II | - Michael Jordan | - Barack Obama | - Christino Ronaldo |
| - Donald Trump | - Mark Lewis-Francis | - David Camerin | - Boris Johnson |
| - There is a lot of them | - William Turner | - Simone Biles | - Keanu Reeves |
| - John Bieden | - Marcus Rashford | - Winston Church | - The Queen Victoria |



- Fourteen
- Fifteen

Gender

- Male $\quad$ Female $\quad$ Not sure about this $\quad$ Nonbinary

English as a favourite subject


- Yes ■ No ■ Do not mind

Number of English-speaking countries


Examples of English-speaking countries


Visit of an English-speaking country


## Culture represents

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| - No answer | - Feasts | - Customs |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Events | - History | - Sights |
| - Traditions | - People | - Muzeum |
| - Churches | - City | - Food |
| - Something typical for each country | - Art | - Life |
| - Music | - Halloween | - Nation |

An opportunity to speak with an native speaker


Like learning about culture


- Yes ■ No

Speaking about the UK

|  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| - Flag | - London | - English |  |
| - Rain | - Big Ben | - The Best Football League |  |
| - Black tea with milk | - The Royal family | - London Eye | - The Queen |
| - English Breakfast | - Cambridge | - Eiffel Tower | - Double-Decker Buses |



## Classmate from an foreign country in the class



## ■ Yes

- No

Knowing something about the culture of the foreign classmate


- No - Yes


## Favourite foreign culture



Films and Series


| - Harry Potter | - Simpsons | - Lupin |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Zombieland | - Transformers | - Too hot to handle |
| - Sabrina | - Lucifer | - Anabelle |
| - The conjuring | - The end of the | - The Wolf of Wall Street |
| - Stranger Things | - Riverdale | - 13 Reasons Why |
| - After | - Marvel movies | - The circle |
| - Gossip Girl | - Outer Banks | - Gilmore Girls |

Music artists


| - None | - Ariana Grande | - Beyonce | - Travis Scott | - Justin Bieber | - Harry Styles |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Katty Perry | - Selena Gomez | - Olivia Rodrigo | - ASAP Rocky | - Ed Sheeran | - Eminem |
| - Gang girl in red | - Halsey | - Post Melon | - Louis Tomlinson | - Zendaya | - Nial Horan |
| - The Weekend | - Zyan Malik | - Liam Payne | - Billie Eilish | - Ashe | - Juice Wrld |
| - Lil Peep | - XXXTentacion | - Marshmello | - Tupal | - Lady Gaga | - Do not remember |
| - Payboi Carti | - Shawn Mendes | - Adele | - Roxette | - Omar |  |

## Actors and Actresses



| - Emma Watson | - No answer | - Leonardo DiC | - None | - Brad Pitt |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Tom Hanks | - Meryl Streep | - Tom Holland | - Angelina Jolie | - Zendaya |
| - Jennifer Lawrence | - Chris Pratt | - Nina Doubrev | - Edvin Ryding | - Omar |
| - Ian Somelhander | - Jennifer Aniston | - Harry Styles | - Hero Fiennes- | - Josephin |

Writers


Other well-known people


| - Donald Trump | - No answer | - Barack Obama | - Joe Biden |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - The Queen Elisabeth II. | - Nicolas Winton | - Do not know | - Boris Johnson |
| - Abbie and Julia | - Zhirelle | - Kardashians | - Devin Booker |
| - Louis Hamilton | - Kobe Bryant | - Lebron James | - Harry Kane |
| - Rahem Sterling | - Bill Gates | - Kloe Kardashian | - Kourtney Kardashian |



Gender


- Male - Female

English as a favourite subject


Number of English-speaking countries


## Examples of English-speaking countries



Visit of an English-speaking country


> ■ No

- Yes (UK)
- Yes (USA)

Noticing an cultural example

$■$ No ■ No answer ■ Big Ben ■ Brick Houses

Culture represents


| - Do not know | - Fashion | - Tower Bridge - Customs | - HMS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Belfast | - Big Ben | - Food ■ Music | - Feasts |

- Traditions

An opportunity to speak with an native speaker


Like learning about culture


Speaking about the UK


## Speaking about the USA



| - Joe Biden | - Donald Trump | - Flag | - Pancakes | - Fast Food |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Skyscrapers | - George Floyd | - Food | - Shops | - Big Cities |
| - Brooklyn Bridge | - 11th September | - Continent | - The White House | - LA |
| - NY | - Apple | - Netflix | - JFK Airport | - Boeing |
| - Barack Obama | - Hot | - Las Vegas | - Independence Day | - Declaration |
| - Do not know | - USA |  |  |  |



- Yes Do not know

Knowing something about the culture of the foreign classmate


- No - Yes - Abit Do not know


## Favourite foreign culture



Films and Series

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - 356 days | - Sex Education | - Harry Potter | - After |
| - Marvel movies | - Modern Family | - Friends | - Teen Wolf |
| - This is us | - Do not know | - No asnwer | - Star Wars |
| - Avengers | - Riverdale | - Stranger Things | - The good doctor |
| - Simpsons | - The Kissing Both | - The Walking Death | - Breaking Bad |
| - Murders in Brok | - The Witcher | - Greenhouse | - Home Alone |

Music artists


Actors and Actresses


| - No answer | - Do not know | - Zendaya | - Tom Holland | - Harry Styles |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Timothee Chalamett | - Meghan Fox | - Tom Huddleston | - Liam Hemswortj | - Emma Watson |
| - Leonardo DiCaprio | - John Boyega | - Johnny Depp | - Jennifer Aniston | - Morgan Freeman |
| - Abella Danger | - Johny Sins | - Chris Evans | - Dylan O'Brien | - Tyler Posey |
| - Daniel Craig | - Angelina Jolie | - Adam Sedler | - Cole Sprouse |  |

## Writers



| $\square$ J.K.Rowling | $\square$ Stephen Hawking | $\square$ Rupi Kaur | - Neal Shusterman |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\square$ Tolkien | $\square$ Do not know | $\square$ No asnwer | $\square$ None |

## Other well-known people



| - Donald Trump | - No answer | - Kobe | - Addison Rae |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Prince Harry | - Barack Obama | - George Floyd | - Do not know |
| - Prince William | - The Queen Eli | - Princess Diana | - George Washington |
| - Harisson Ford | - Brad Pitt | - Angelina Jolie | - Joe Biden |

## Annotation

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| Rok obhajoby: | 2022 |


| Název práce: | Výuka reálí v hodinách angličtiny na <br> druhém stupni ZŠ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Název v angličtině: | Teaching culture in lower secondary school <br> English lessons |
| Anotace práce: | Diplomová práce se zamě̌̌uje na výuku <br> kultury na druhém stupni základních škol v <br> hodinách anglického jazyka. Teoretická část <br> obsahuje obecné pojmy, které souvisejí s <br> kulturou a jejich definice. Dále pak, jak je <br> téma kultury obecně zařazeno do učebních <br> osnov na základě dokumentů, jako je školní <br> a rámcový vzdělávací program. Praktická <br> část obsahuje prezentaci výsledků výzkumu <br> získaných na základě dotazníkového šetrení <br> a analýzu učebnic. |
| Kličová slova: | Kultura, kulturní identita, kulturní povědomí, <br> jazyk, výuka kultury |
| Anotace v angličtině | The thesis focuses on teaching culture at the <br> lower secondary school in English lessons. <br> The theoretical part includes general <br> concepts that are connected with culture and <br> their definitions. Then, how the topic of <br> culture in general is included in the <br> curriculum, based on documents such as the <br> school and the framework curriculum. The <br> practical part includes a presentation of the <br> research results, obtained on the basis of a <br> questionnaire survey, and an analysis of the <br> textbooks. |
| Rozsah práce: | Culture, Cultural Identity, Cultural <br> Awareness, Language, Teaching Culture |
| Jazyk práce: | Grafy: 320 <br> Obrázky: 36 |
| 210 stran |  |
| Klíčová slova v angličtině: | Angličtina |


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ https://www.msmt.cz/vzdelavani/skolstvi-v-cr/bila-kniha-narodni-program-rozvoje-vzdelani-v-cr

[^1]:    ${ }^{2}$ https://www.nuv.cz/t/rvp

[^2]:    ${ }^{3}$ https://www.infoabsolvent.cz/Rady/Clanek/7-0-13

[^3]:    ${ }^{4}$ http://www.zs-msstrazek.cz/skolni-vzdelavaci-program/

[^4]:    ${ }^{5}$ https://www.zsunesco.cz/charakteristika-skoly.htm

[^5]:    () The term Základni skola can refer both to a type of school and to a specific educational programme implemented by it.
    (y) There are three possible programmes during the Základni skola which represent different approaches in the educational process: the Základni skola programme altaches special importance to cognitive learning, the acquisition of knowedge and preparation for an accademic career; the obecná skola programme lays emphasis on the development of civic attitudes and the ability to obtain and interpret information; and, finally, the Národni skola programme highlights the need for diversity in syllabuses and methods, and focuses on aims rather than particular areas of knowledge. Parents can choose from these three programmes.
    All three schools have basically identical curricular requirements for foreign language learning. However, this may start earlier in the Národni skola which provides cross-curricular language learning from the first year onward (9) There is no specific curriculum for the lower years of the gymnazium. Pupils aged $11-15$ follow the second and the third stages of the Zakladni skola programme.

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[^8]:    - The Queen Elisabeth II. - Prince Charles ■ Joe Biden
    - Abraham Lincoln - George Washington

[^9]:    ■ No No answer ■ Do not know

